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Jonathan Rummel, blacksmith and woodworker, punches a hole through a leg of a desk he is building. Rummel is one of several Andover High graduates who decided against going to college to pursue a trade or other passion.

AHS grad forges his own path

Fahey: More teens forego college

By Judy Wakefield

In this upper middle-class town, where more than 90 percent of Andover High School graduates go on to college, kids pursuing futures outside of college often don't get much notice.

While acceptance to a top college is certainly noteworthy, sometimes it is a parent's dream instead of a student's, says Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director.

Fahey has worked with hundreds of teens during the past 15 years and has noticed over the past five years an increase in the number of high school seniors opting to do something different than head off to college. He insists there's a trend happening in town, as teens are in tune with their "inner conviction and strength" more than ever. Some say they will eventually go to college, Fahey said, while others make their parents' eyes roll with their one-day-at-a-time attitude.

"I'm talking to so many

kids who are wondering, 'is this (college) what I want or is this someone else's definition of who I am?'" Fahey said. "They're more passionate about doing something they love."

He points to Jonathan Rummel as a perfect example of an intelligent Andover High graduate — certainly college material — who instead opted to pursue a passion when he decided on his future. Rummel, who graduated in 1996 and lives in town, is a professional artist, blacksmith and woodwork designer. He said he is making a good living at his trade.

"I agree that parents can have their own version of their kid's life," Rummel, 27, said. "Fortunately, my parents always supported me."

He started out as a house painter and, after four years, decided it was time for a road trip that would tap into his more creative side. He ended up in Telluride, Colo. where

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Friendly Ice Cream packs up

Main Street mainstay of 40 years shut down as of Christmas Day

By Judy Wakefield

Vivian Guy and her sister Dolly Gordon received a surprise Christmas morning — and it wasn't one they wanted. The pair of elderly sisters made their usual daily trek to Friendly Ice Cream for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and coffee on Sunday morning.

"It was closed," said Vivian (Gordon) Guy, who uses a walker to get to her favorite restaurant. "But I thought it was closed for vacation. So we went again this morning (Tuesday) and saw the sign that said Friendly's was closed for good. I couldn't believe it."

Guy said she has made a twice-a-day trek to Friendly's every day for at least 20 years. She made the journey even in snowstorms. Last year, she fell trudging to Friendly's in the snow with her walker, but it never slowed her down. Day in, day out, she could be seen eating breakfast and an early supper at the restaurant with her sister. Gordon frequented the restaurant for more than 30 years, said Guy.

Friendly's was on North Main Street, near where the two women live.

They were well-known customers at the restaurant, which officially closed Christmas Day with little fanfare. Its sign came down and, by Tuesday, workers were loading trucks with the ice cream parlor's equipment.

Workers directed all questions to the company's headquarters in Wilbraham. Calls to the company's headquarters were not returned.

"It's not very friendly, if you ask me," Guy said of the sudden closing. "I'm really mad about this. They didn't give a warning or nothing. They just closed."

One worker at the restaurant, who did not want to be identified, said the Andover restaurant was one of nine in the state that closed on Christmas Day. Restaurants in Swampscott and West Roxbury also closed, he said.

He said the Andover restaurant had about 15 employees and the company was working to get them jobs at other nearby Friendly's restaurants that are not closing in Tewksbury, South Lawrence and Salem, N.H.

"I just think it's a terrible way to do business," said Guy, who settled for an egg-and-bagel sandwich at a downtown

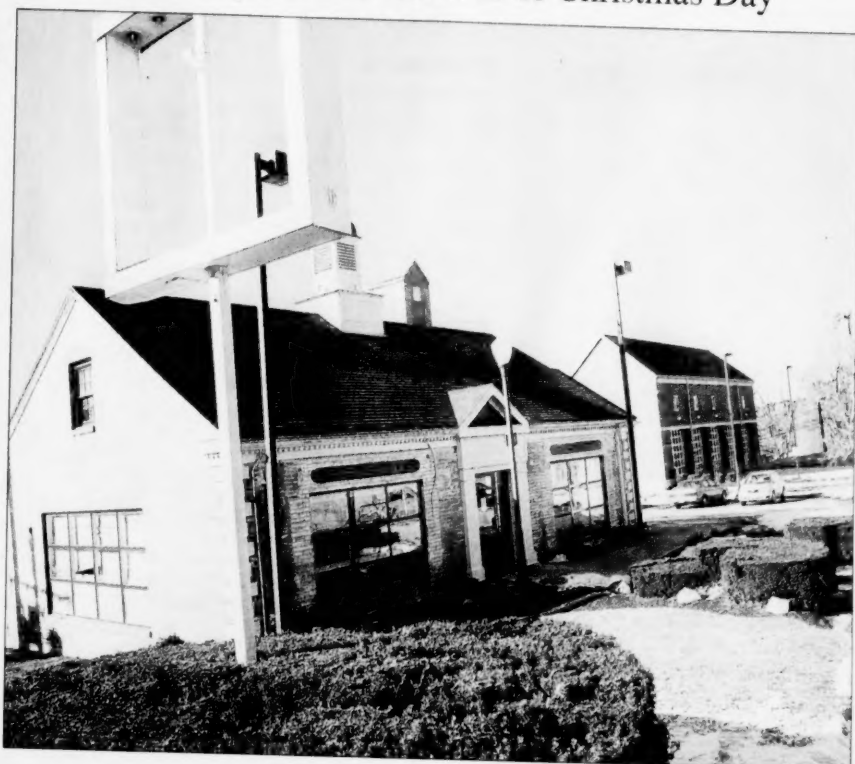
bagel shop on Tuesday while her sister went to nearby Perfecto's for breakfast.

She said the pair could take their time at Friendly's and they appreciated that. A good staff and good food kept them coming back all these years.

But Guy said she had noticed recently that fewer customers were visiting the restaurant, which opened on North Main Street in 1965.

Friendly's reported double-digit declines in September 2005, compared to previous year earnings, according to financial information on file with the Security Exchange Commission. Restaurant revenues were down \$11.4 million when the third quarter of 2005 was com-

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Friendly Ice Cream on North Main Street has closed suddenly, and its sign and equipment have already been removed.

As year ends ... where are we?

Some significant stories from 2005 will continue in '06

Trash cash windfall

The year 2005 kicked off with a more than \$2 million question — what to do with reimbursement funds coming from the town's regional trash-disposal facility.

Nearly 12 months later, the question still hasn't been answered — but it is now a \$3.5 million question.

Town officials are still deciding what to do with this windfall, which comes from Andover's decades old investment to build a regional trash-

disposal facility with 22 other communities. The Wheelabrator trash incinerator was built in North Andover. The 23 communities including Andover — known as the North East Solid Waste Commission — were locked into a 20-year agreement that had all communities paying high costs for trash disposal. This year, 2005, the facility was paid for and NESWC communities were told they will receive reimbursement.

Members of the Board of

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Bridge repair — wait 'til next year



The North Main Street bridge over the commuter rail line is still considered a bridge in need of repair by the state. Town Public Works Director Jack Petkus says the state might put the project out to bid before October 2006, and change the type of trucks allowed to pass over it in the meantime. Story, page 5.

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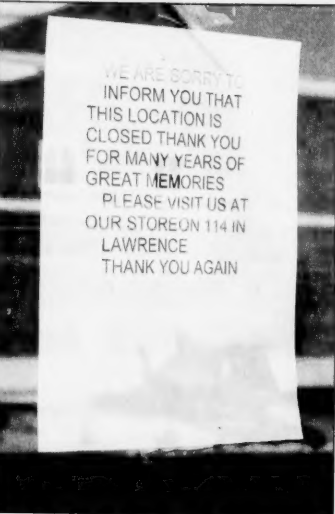
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The "Friendly" sign and the letters spelling WELCOME above the entrance to the North Main Street restaurant, located next to the public safety center, had been removed by Tuesday.

Here's the scoop: Restaurant gone



A sign on the walk-up window lets residents know that Andover's Friendly Ice Cream Shop on North Main Street is no longer scooping ice cream.

■ FRIENDLY'S
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pared to the same quarter in 2004. Afternoon and evening snack periods took the biggest hit, which the company attributed to high gasoline prices in early September 2005 that kept customers home.
Guy understands the closing is a business decision, but she will miss her twice-a-day treks to Friendly's.
"The name says it all," she said. "It was a friendly place to have breakfast and supper. That's what we liked."

Tax rate set
It's official. The owner of an average home in town will pay about \$387 more in property taxes next year. The state Department of Revenue has approved the town's 2006 residential tax rate of \$11.40 per \$1,000 of valuation and its commercial and industrial tax rate of \$17.95 per \$1,000 of valuation. Residents paid \$11.51 and business owners paid \$18 in 2005.
Selectmen set these tax rates last month, as reported in the *Townsmen* at that time. The average home valued at \$522,000 in 2005 is currently valued at \$561,360, a 6.4 percent increase. Homeowners who paid \$6,008 in property taxes last year will pay \$6,395 in 2006.
— Anita Fritz

Rummel forges own path

■ BLACKSMITH
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he worked with Steeprock Joinery, a group of craftsmen dedicated to building artistic homes that are ecologically-conscious.
Self-described as a serious green mind who is all about conservation and recycling, Rummel salutes an AHS art teacher who "pushed creativity at all times" and an "eclectic" math teacher who made working for a good math grade enjoyable.
"Having teachers like that creates a stronger person," he said.
He learned blacksmithing along with ecologically-sound construction skills and enjoyed his time in Colorado, he said.
His mother's illness brought him home about two years ago as he wanted to be closer to her. She had suffered from lupus for years and has since died.
These days, Rummel works in a Lynn blacksmith shop designing unique pieces that typically combine metal and wood. On Tuesday, Dec. 27, he unveiled his most recent project. A Lowell salon, Edgardo's Hair

Design at 638 Rogers St., hired him to design a piece for their shop.
"Forged steel legs with a reclaimed, antique oak top," is how Rummel described it.
"I hired him, too," Fahey said. "Jonathan is an unbelievably talented craftsman."
"His story is important because he is a good example of someone who found his own path," Fahey said. "There's a lot of twists and turns in life but he has stuck with it... and, there are a lot of other great kids like him."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
Andover High graduate Pete Michelinie is an apprentice to blacksmith and woodworker Jonathan Rummel. Above, he uses heat to soften the leg of a desk so that the metal can be worked on.

Landfill tests given to state

Report: Arsenic levels above normal, but within standards

By Amanda Patterson
Engineers assessed arsenic levels in sediment and surface water near the Ledge Road landfill and presented the information verbally to the Department of Environmental Protection on Friday. Their report will be mailed to Andover officials this week, according to Bruce Haskell, project manager for engineering consultant firm Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM).
The test results showed higher than normal levels of arsenic in the surface water, though it is within drinking water standards.

Arsenic in the sediment of the Fish Brook tributary they surveyed was also higher than normal, according to John Kerrigan of the DEP.
The testing is part of the town's plan to address the environmental issues caused by the former landfill. The DEP's pollution containment strategy for closed landfills is generally to cap the area, preventing rainwater from entering and then exiting with contaminants, according to Jack Petkus, Director of Public Works. The cap, designed by CDM and the town, needs to meet state environmental standards, local environmental and land use requirements, and get the public's approval. The project will cost the town about \$8 million, which will likely come from bond issues, Petkus said.
The DEP has asked CDM to conduct further testing to assess the arsenic's impact. The next step is for Andover to evaluate the risk and create a construction plan. According to Kerrigan, the risk evaluation must address "imminent hazards" that could require attention in the short term.

Though other contaminants
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IN BRIEF

Meehan hosts town meeting on war in Iraq at Andover library Jan. 4

US Representative Marty Meehan will be hosting a town meeting to discuss the war in Iraq on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Hall at Memorial Hall Library.

The pre-reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The event in Andover is one of four in Meehan's district.

"Nearly three years after being misled into war in Iraq, the United States still does not have a plan to succeed and bring our troops home. President Bush says we should 'stay the course' in Iraq," said Meehan in a release. "I disagree."

Meehan believes the US should focus on fighting terror in the US and that the war in Iraq

has been siphoning money and resources away from this effort. He advocates for increased allied support, which could double the current number of troops in Iraq, thereby helping to train local forces. He believes the United Nations and NATO should play a leading role in Iraq's future.

— Greta Cuyler

Quote, unquote . . .

ALL OF THE INFORMATION we have is public, but there is always somebody who feels they aren't getting everything. Now we have to put it all in presentation format.

— Jack Petkus, director of Public Works, on creating a Public Information Process to inform the public about the Ledge Road landfill. (Story, page 2)

PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The top photo shows Main Street in 1946, looking south from the corner of Main and Park streets. On the right side of Main Street was a produce market operated by Mr. and Mrs. Basso, who grew vegetables in a large garden off Chestnut Street that is now part of Doherty Middle School's playing fields. The bottom photo shows the same general area today, complete with paved roads.

Run for office

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, March 28.

Elected offices on the ballot are the following:

- Moderator, one position for one year
- Selectman, two positions for three years each
- School Committee member, two positions for three years each
- Andover Housing Authority, one position for five years
- Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School, one position for three years
- Pundard Free School Trustees, five positions for three years each

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars to be listed on the ballot is Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 5 p.m. In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate must acquire 50 signatures of registered voters in the town.

Young businesspeople

The New Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Young Leaders Association is looking for people under 40 interested in business networking opportunities.

The next networking mixer is at the Tap, 100 Washington St., Haverhill on Jan. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Finegold hours

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold will hold office hours throughout the district on Monday, Jan. 9. Open office hours will be held at the Andover Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at the Lawrence Senior Center between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m.

January health clinics by the town

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Jan. 9 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

News Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 3

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Tobacco Control Program, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5

Greater Lawrence Bioterrorism Meeting, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Tobacco Control Program Healthy Communities, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, noon

Board of Health, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

rial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 9

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen - National Grid Tree Meeting, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.

Corrections

A story by a What's Up contributor contained inaccurate information, according to Elizabeth Koontz, who is co-president of The Mother Connection. Its membership fee is \$29 for one year, not \$45.

The correct contact information for TMC is e-mail: www.themotherconnection.org; phone number: 978-470-1500.

Holiday schedule for trash, recycling collection

Andover has a special schedule for trash and recycling collection during the holidays. Andover residents' trash will be picked up Tuesday through Saturday during this week and Jan. 3-7.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed a day during these two weeks because the

Donal Coleman of High Street says he objects to information in a story written earlier this year about the Board of Health looking into the history of the town's snow dump off High Street. Coleman says he never made a reference to his uncle dying or to Dow Chemical, and was not responsible for the town investigating potential problems at the dump.

Mondays following Christmas and New Year's Day are considered holidays.

All household trash and recycling are to be curbside no later than 7 a.m. Truck schedules and routes are subject to change at any time without prior notice, according to the town Department of Public Works.

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ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - At 11:49 a.m., Charles Park, 18, of 11 Longwood Drive, was arrested and charged with intimidating a witness.

At 10:53 p.m., following the report of a motor vehicle accident on Burnham Road, George R. Moore, 57, of 93 Sherwood Drive, North Andover, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Thursday, Dec. 22 - At 5:51 p.m., police received a call about a motor vehicle accident that left downed electrical wires at a utility pole on Abbot Street. The suspect fled the scene on foot. Gregory B. Carlson, 27, of 80 Woburn St., was subsequently arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, impeding operation, leaving the scene of property damage, a third offense of operating under the influence of liquor and operating to endanger.

Saturday, Dec. 24 - At 2:47 p.m., Joseph R. Macdonald, 26, of 285 Varney Road, Barnstead, NH, was arrested and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, giving a false name/address, and a motor vehicle lights violation. He also had an outstanding warrant for forgery of a check.

At 3:23 p.m., Chad R. Belleville, 22, of 259 Wilson St., Apt. 5, Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant and possession of a hypodermic needle. He also had an outstanding warrant for burglary.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - At 3:10 a.m., police received numerous 911 calls about two males who allegedly were beating up another male on the ground. Police requested an ambulance for two males in their 20s with facial lacerations, but both victims refused medical treatment. One caller reported a brand new black motor vehicle leaving the scene heading west. The police pursued the vehicle into Lawrence and arrested Joshua T. Henriquez, 26, of 622 Haverhill St., Lawrence, and charged him with assault and bat-

tery on a household member, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop for police. A family member took custody of the motor vehicle.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - At 4:04 p.m., Andy Gonzalez, 27, of 183 Farnham St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, having a revoked registration and having an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

At 7:38 p.m., Devin Afshin, 18, of 7 Lowell Junction Road, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute and possession of a Class E substance.

At 8:41 p.m., a caller reported that they are housesitting on Jenkins Road, but when they arrived at the house, they saw five vehicles in the driveway. When they entered the house, they saw several kids inside and most of them began to run. The caller was able to block two of the vehicles in with his own car, but the other kids ran off. As a result, three Andover youth were arrested.

Janelle Jee, 17, of 35 School St., was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Jillian M. Espinola, 17, of 14 Somerset Drive, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Michael Ruth, 17, of 85 Jenkins Road, was arrested and charged with trespassing and breaking and entering for a misdemeanor.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - At 10:20 p.m., a caller said that a male was walking in the road dressed in black and the caller was concerned for the man's welfare. The police spoke with the man who said he will move to the sidewalk.

Thursday, Dec. 22 - At 9:20 p.m. police received a call for a woman who was cutting herself with razors. She was transported via ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital.

Friday, Dec. 23 - At 5:31 p.m., an employee at the thrift shop reported that a red, boy's bicycle had been in the back parking lot for the past week.

At 11:13 p.m., a resident reported that someone just knocked over a bunch of his outdoor Christmas decorations. The vandal, described as wearing dark clothing, ran down the street and left in an unknown vehicle.

Saturday, Dec. 24 - At 12:09 a.m., a resident called to report that her ex-husband was at the house and she did not want him there. A restraining order was issued.

At 4:39 a.m., an employee at Dunkin Donuts on North Main Street reported arriving at work to find what looked to be a BB hole in one of the front windows.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - At 3:53 p.m., police received a call that a man jumped from a train and his face was bleeding. The man was transported to the hospital.

At 5:21 p.m., police received a call about an ex-wife who would not leave the house.

Monday, Dec. 26 - At 1:16 a.m., a caller reported that someone was using a drill and making a lot of noise. Officer reported that people were unpacking their belongings and will keep the noise down.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Friday, Dec. 23 - At 9:53 a.m., an elderly male was driving on the wrong side of River Road. Officer reported that the man was unfamiliar with the area.

At 1:19 p.m., Police received a 911 call that two cars were racing on Route 125. Then the cars stopped and a male in one car started punching the male in the other car. State Police handled the situation.

At 11:25 p.m., a resident reported that a group of teenagers was driving around in a white or silver Volvo and vandalizing Christmas decorations. Officers could not locate the vehicle.

COMPILED BY GRETA CUYLER

MEMORABLE MOMENTS - POLICE LOG 2005

One of the most well-read items in the Townsman each week is the police log. Sure, residents can learn about serious crime in the area. But many frequently also comment on getting a kick out of some of the quirky reasons that people call police. Here are some serious, some funny - and all unusual - calls made to Andover police in 2005.

Look before you...dial

Thursday, April 28 - At 1:51 p.m., a resident reported three missing children. Police said the children were in the backyard while the parent was looking for them in the front.

Disposable income, worst case

Tuesday, June 14 - At 5:30 p.m., a resident in the area of Holt Road reported finding an abandoned golf cart next to their home.

Beats electronic lions

Sunday, Aug. 21 - At 8:18 p.m., a resident reported that her neighbors had "electronic crickets" that were making too much noise.

Head for the border

Wednesday, Aug. 24 - At 5:35 p.m., a resident reported

two full-grown pigs that were wandering loose in the area of Blanchard Street. Police reported that the pigs had crossed the town line and were roaming in the woods. Police were not sure who the pigs belonged to and notified Tewksbury police of the problem. The pigs were spotted again around 7:13 p.m. Police, at that time, were also unable to corral them.

Beats electronic crickets

Thursday, Aug. 25 - At 7:03 p.m., a resident reported that music coming from an Essex Street church was too loud.

Hey, it was the 9th inning

Saturday, Sept. 3 - At 10:53 p.m., a caller reported a loud party in the area of Heritage Lane. Police checked the house and said it was adults watching a Red Sox game. The baseball fans promised police they would keep it down. The Red Sox beat the Orioles 7-6.

Serious danger

Monday, Sept. 5 - At 10:02 a.m., a resident reported she was walking her dog in the conservation land off Tucker Road when a male jogger threatened her and chased her with a log.

Fire starter

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - At 9:37 a.m., a resident reported that someone tried to set him on fire the day before. Police filed a report.

What, no FBI?

Friday, Sept. 9 - At 12:10 p.m., a Cherrywood Circle resident reported several snakes near her front steps that she wanted removed. The animal control officer arrived at the home and said he found a garter snake sunning itself on the steps. The snake moved along.

What's not to like?

Wednesday, Sept. 28 - At 2:29 p.m., a resident reported people were going door-to-door and putting Nabisco Fig Newtons in mailboxes. The resident told police he called Nabisco and the company said they had no knowledge of any employees promoting their food product in the Andover area. Police were unable to locate the subjects described.

As heating costs rise...

Friday, Oct. 7 - At 2:57 p.m., a resident reported someone was trespassing on his property at night and cutting down trees

with an ax.

They look innocent to me

Thursday, Oct. 13 - At 5:48 p.m., a Greenwood Road resident reported three turkeys on her property. The caller told police that one of the birds was on the roof and she was afraid the bird might enter her home through the chimney. Police found the turkeys sitting in a tree and said they didn't appear to be bothering anyone.

Dear Wayne...

Wednesday, Nov. 2 - At 6:35 a.m., a caller reported what he or she believed to be a monkey in a tree on Bailey Road. Police said the animal was not a monkey but might be a fisher cat and left a note for the animal control officer.

Hydrant hater

Monday, Nov. 28 - At 11:25 a.m., a Lowell Street resident reported his bushes were run over by a car and that his fire hydrant was missing. Police said the accident was a hit-and-run and were still searching for the suspect.

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Some '05 stories just won't quit

2005 UPDATES

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Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Department of Public Works and the Andover Youth Council have all inquired about getting a piece of the pie.

With no decision made yet, 2006 will ring in with lots of discussion planned.

"No decision on what to do with the money has been made," Selectman Brian Major said on Tuesday. "But, we'll be talking at length on this one."

He said selectmen just received notification from Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski that the reimbursement check is for \$3.5 million (about \$1 million more than expected) and will be coming soon. So, what to do

with the money will definitely be discussed in early 2006.

Major supports putting all of the money into the town's reserve account. He said the account has been depleted and beefing it up will ensure the town continues to receive the highest possible bond rating. This allows the town to borrow money at rates that are not available to other communities.

"We have an Aaa rating now, but Moody's has said that they would like to see us build up our reserve accounts in order to keep that rating," Major said. "I say we should simply put that money in reserve."

Major expects discussion to heat up as soon as the town has the check in hand.

— Judy Wakefield

Capping the landfill for fields

Attendees at the final selectmen's meeting of 2005 (held on Wednesday, Dec. 21) talked yet again about Andover's most famous cap — the cap for the front portion of a landfill site in West Andover. It's located close to the town's busiest baseball and soccer fields and close to where the proposed new youth center will be built. A question asked several times during this past year and again last week at the selectmen's meeting is "when will it be capped?" That question was posed many times in 2005 as the site is a former dump and hundreds of kids play sports nearby. A cap would prevent water seepage that often causes debris to come up from the ground and would make the area more environmentally safe for kids.

Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus said state

environmental officials have been dragging their feet on this issue — not local officials.

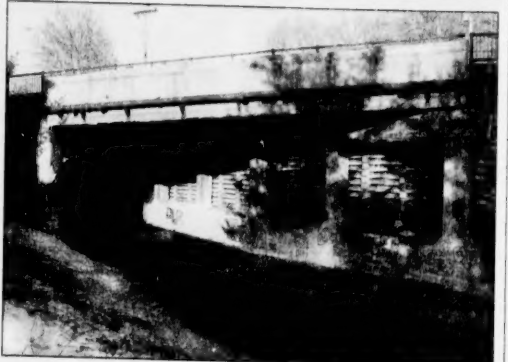
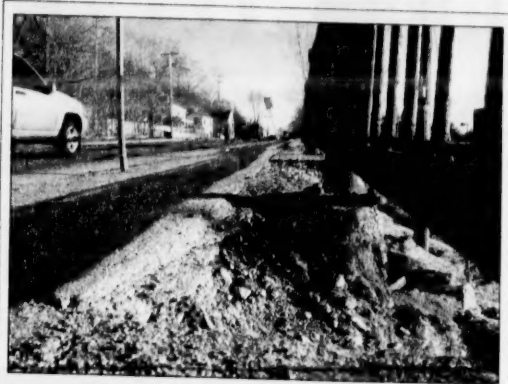
"It's the law. We will cap it. DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) has had our plans for six months. We will do it as soon as those plans are approved," he said.

The site is on Ledge Road in West Andover, right next to Deyermund Field where the town's Little League program is based. Teams in the Andover Soccer Association also use nearby fields.

A previous Town Meeting approved \$2.2 million to cap the back area of the site. The front area, where baseball and soccer fields are located, was talked about frequently in 2005, but no decision was made on what to do.

"It will be capped," Petkus said. "It's the law."

— Judy Wakefield



The North Main Street Railroad Bridge has been labeled "basically intolerable" by the state.

The worst bridge in town — the busy North Main Street Railroad Bridge — still has its "basically intolerable" designation from the state and desperately needs to be repaired. The state owns it and fixes it, but so much traffic crosses it every day, that the bridge is badly worn down and needs serious repair work. The bridge was designated "basically intolerable" in August 2003, and while the *Townsmen* wrote about the bridge earlier this year, it may be another year before any action is taken.

Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus said last Friday that he has been notified that state officials planned to go out to bid for the repair work in October 2006. But after visiting the bridge in late October, state officials might move up that bid advertising date, he said. The bridge is the one holding North Main Street over the commuter rail, near the intersection of North Main and Railroad Street, by Wild Oats market.

"The bridge is in bad shape," a state engineer wrote to Petkus in an e-mail Petkus forwarded to the *Townsmen*. "The (bid) advertising date may either be advanced or the structure may be re-rated for its load-carrying capacity as the last rating was done in 1976."

Petkus explained the state may reduce the current 11-ton weight limit for tractor-trailer trucks that cross the bridge and six to seven-ton capacity for smaller vehicles. That would cut down on wear and tear while the town awaits the repair job.

— Judy Wakefield

Center for Child Development

Tewksbury manager balks at talk of deal

By Greta Cuyler

The Professional Center for Child Development needs Tewksbury to approve a revised sewer agreement, but Tewksbury's town manager said he removed the discussion from his town selectmen's Jan. 3 agenda.

"I am very concerned that a pattern is re-emerging of adults trying to use children to foster their sewer goals," wrote Tewksbury Town Manager David G. Cressman in a Dec. 20 letter to the Andover center's attorney.

The letter was dated one day after Andover selectmen approved the revised sewer agreement at their meeting on Dec. 19.

In an apparent reference to Andover's difficulties in agreeing to a deal with Melmark New England, a school for autistic children that tried to connect to Tewksbury sewer last fall, Cressman also wrote, "...based on the last effort to do an inter-municipal sewer agreement, I do not have the time to review 11 drafts of an agreement."

The Professional Center has until June 30, 2006 to finish construction of its 8,000 square foot expansion project on Osgood Street. The work is needed to remedy problems such as inadequate classroom space that were identified by the state Department of Education last spring. If the Professional Center does not take corrective action by next June, it could lose its full license to operate a private special education facility. It would then be subject to a corrective action plan by the state. The center could also lose some state funding or even face closure, Veryl Anderson, the center's executive director, has said.

In addition to inadequate classroom space, the state also cited the school for its insufficient equipment, technology and student-to-teacher ratios. Since the report, the school has turned two part-time positions into full-time, adding additional nursing staff and a full-time education director. Fund-raising efforts are underway

for new equipment and technology.

The Professional Center's next-door neighbor, Vicor Corp., has offered to give the center 2,000 of its sewer capacity per day, allowing the building to close its outdated septic system and tie into Tewksbury's sewer system.

But without an amended sewer agreement, the expansion project could come to a halt, because various town construction permits depend on a successful sewer tie-in. Even though Vicor and the Professional Center have a written agreement for sewer, the school must officially enter an intermunicipal agreement involving Andover, Tewksbury and Vicor.

"We're dealing with the town to get them to consider it and approve it as soon as possible," said the center's attorney, Andrew Caffrey.

Caffrey said he plans to talk to Cressman when he returns from vacation on Jan. 2, in part because Cressman's letter asks that Andover approve the amended sewer agreement before Tewksbury will discuss it, even though Andover has already done so.

He is hopeful that the sewer amendment may be discussed at the Jan. 3 Tewksbury Board of Selectmen meeting.

Cressman's letter brings up Melmark, another school on the Andover/Tewksbury line where access to sewer became a sticking point. There, the future of the school's relocation to Andover rested on its ability to connect to sewer. The sewer connectivity for Melmark was based on a 2004 Town Meeting vote and the language of the vote read in part, "the selectmen are authorized, but not required, to accept such restrictions on terms and conditions they deem in the best interest of the Town."

Selectmen decided not to amend the Town Meeting vote.

Ultimately, State Senator Sue Tucker (D-Andover) earmarked \$350,000 of a state economic stimulus bill for a septic system for Melmark.



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BOOK REVIEW

Hanukkah Lights: From National Public Radio's Annual Holiday Special

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

In the fourth of John and James' four holiday reviews, they look at a collection of Hanukkah stories from National Public Radio's annual holiday special.

Hanukkah Lights is a wonderful collection of Hanukkah stories accumulated by National Public Radio over the past 15 years. Each year, the radio program *Hanukkah Lights* is one of NPR's most popular, and it attracts some of the best writers of our time.

This collection of short stories highlights the best of the stories that have been showcased over the years. Each short story, while mostly fiction, provides an impressive degree of insight into the time and place in which it is set.

The book even comes with a CD containing four bonus stories recorded directly from the radio program.

These stories range from folktales and traditional Hanukkah stories, to inventive stories that come from a new angle such as "Hanukkah in the Age of Guys & Dolls" by Mark Helprin. There are even some old tales told with a new twist, such as "The Miracle of the Oil" by Simone Zelitch.

Overall, we found this book to be a truly magnificent collection of Hanukkah stories, and indeed more than suitable for a Hanukkah gift or reading at the dinner table. It is also beautifully presented and can serve as an excellent coffee table book. We recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Hanukkah or the traditions of the Jewish faith. While all stories are presented as fiction, they still provide a unique view of this Holiday.

We give *Hanukkah Lights* a 9 out of 10. Our only complaint lies in Simone Zelitch's "Miracle of the Oil" which attempts to pass off the story of Hanukkah as presented in the Torah as a product of human interference. If it weren't for this strange piece, it would undoubtedly be given a 10 out of 10. However, this book is still worth a look.

So get down to a local bookstore and pick up a copy of *Hanukkah Lights* today! We both trust all of our readers had a Merry Christmas or are having a happy holiday right now!

LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Preparatory School announced that 46 former and current students were named AP Scholars recently by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

AP Scholars with Distinction from St. John's Prep from Andover: **Daniel P. Ravens**, a member of the class of '05, who now attends Duke University.

AP Scholars from Andover: **Timothy D. Smith**, a member of the class of '06.

The students took the AP exams in May after completing challenging college-level courses at St. John's, which offers 16 Advanced Placement courses in wide-ranging subject areas including calculus, physics, biology, chemistry, US history, European history, French, Latin, Spanish, German and computer science.

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Lawrence Academy in Groton announced that Andover students were named to the academic honor roll for the fall trimester.

High honors were awarded to seniors **Dan Desruisseau**, **Michael Draheim** and **Megan Sebasky**; junior **Matt Moschitto**; sophomores **Jamie Crockett**, **Peter Galvin** and **Sam Grant**; and ninth-graders **Timothy Caron**, **Nisreen Dahod**, **Shannon Muscatello** and **Jennifer Samel**.

Honors were awarded to seniors **Emilie Lantelme**, **Andrea Martin**, **Chris Muscatello** and **Cynthia Woodward**; juniors **Dominic Brown**, **Gaetano Morello** and **Tyler Magnin**; sophomore **Mia Huntley**; and ninth-graders **Bernie Leed** and **Kate Majike**.

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For the first quarter at Boston College High School, **John N. Flanagan '07** of Andover achieved honors, earning at least a 3.2 QPA.

Getting inside the head of a bully: How to prevent, stop bullying

Parent to Parent Talk by Rick Irving identifies ways to help children

NEARLY 100 PARENTS and educators attended the Parent to Parent presentation by Rick Irving, who discussed "Teasing, Bullying and Ways to Help Our Children."

The Dec. 14 presentation in the Wood Hill School auditorium was practical, humorous and filled with anecdotes from Irving's private and personal experience, organizers said.

During the discussion, Irving, a clinical social worker in both the Andover Public Schools and private practice, was able to get inside the heads of the bully, the victim and the bystander and address the components of bullying behavior at the elementary and middle school levels.

He also identified where bullying comes from, what drives the behavior, and the settings where bullying takes place (from playgrounds to hallways). The idea was to provide those in attendance with what they need to know to help stop or prevent bullying.

Irving first defined bullying as the power difference between two people. People who have a social deficit or unmet emotional need may turn to bullying types of behavior. He explained that there are different types of bullying including physical; verbal intimidation; verbal manipulation, non-verbal bullying and relationship bullying.

He then explained who the bullies are and what drives them. And who the victims are, and why. Bullies are defiant, impulsive, and narcissistic (they don't empathize with others). He explained that bullies often have low self-esteem and blame others. Many times bullies are "popular" kids who are afraid of losing their social standing. He also explained that victims are passive, often loners. They can be kids who cry easily, or suffer



Addressing parents and educators in a Parent to Parent presentation, Rick Irving suggested that "zero indifference" be applied to bystanders to help stop bullying.

from language deficit or Asperger's syndrome (kids who can't read non-verbal social cues).

Irving also talked about what happens to the bystanders, and explained how bystanders can become desensitized and lose empathy, but they have the biggest ability to change the bullying climate. By standing up for the victim, they send the message that bullying behavior is not socially acceptable. Irving suggested "zero indifference" be applied to bystanders to help stop bullying.

Parent to Parent was founded in 1991 and is supported by the PTOs of the Andover Public Schools in addition to St. Augustine, Pike School and Andover School of Montessori. For additional information or to suggest

future topics or speakers contact Liz Elowe at 978-475-4843, or Sue Pellegrino at 978-474-4028, co-presidents of the organization.

For a complete listing of free seminars and workshops that are being offered through the spring of 2006, visit www.andoverma.gov, and click on the Parent to Parent link.

Program helps women return to college

The Women's Network at Northern Essex Community College will offer a special night for women interested in returning to school next Thursday, Jan. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus. To reserve a seat, call 978-

Support group for parents of bipolar children

A support group for parents of bipolar children meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (except on holidays and when school is closed) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bancroft School, 15 Bancroft Road.

All parents are welcome. There is no charge to participate. Group facilitators are Amanda Preston and Dana Hayward of Andover.

For more information on this group, call 978-475-7837 (evenings) or 978-853-8848 (days).

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools when students return to classes next week, Jan. 3-6:

Elementary schools

Monday: No SCHOOL - New Year's Holiday.

Tuesday: Breaded chicken with potatoes, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick with soft pretzel, boxed breakfast, corn, fruit, milk and veggie.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger with oven-baked fries, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, pizza rings, chicken teriyaki wrap, lucky tray, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Meatball sub, hot dog on a bun, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Salisbury steak with potatoes and carrots, chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, homemade fresh pizza, "gogurt," chocolate cake with vanilla frosting, fruit, veggie

and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: No SCHOOL - New Year's Holiday.

Tuesday: Roast pork dinner, two taco Tuesday with lettuce, tomato, salsa and rice, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Beef-filled raviolis with garlic bread, two hot dogs with fries, barbecue sloppy Joe pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Mexican beef wraps, french toast with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef-and-cheese sub with chips, American chop suey with garlic bread, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: No SCHOOL - New Year's Holiday.

Tuesday: Chicken McSchool, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken with potatoes, chicken parm sandwich, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two breakfast sandwiches with potato pancakes, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Opinion

Downtown needs flavors

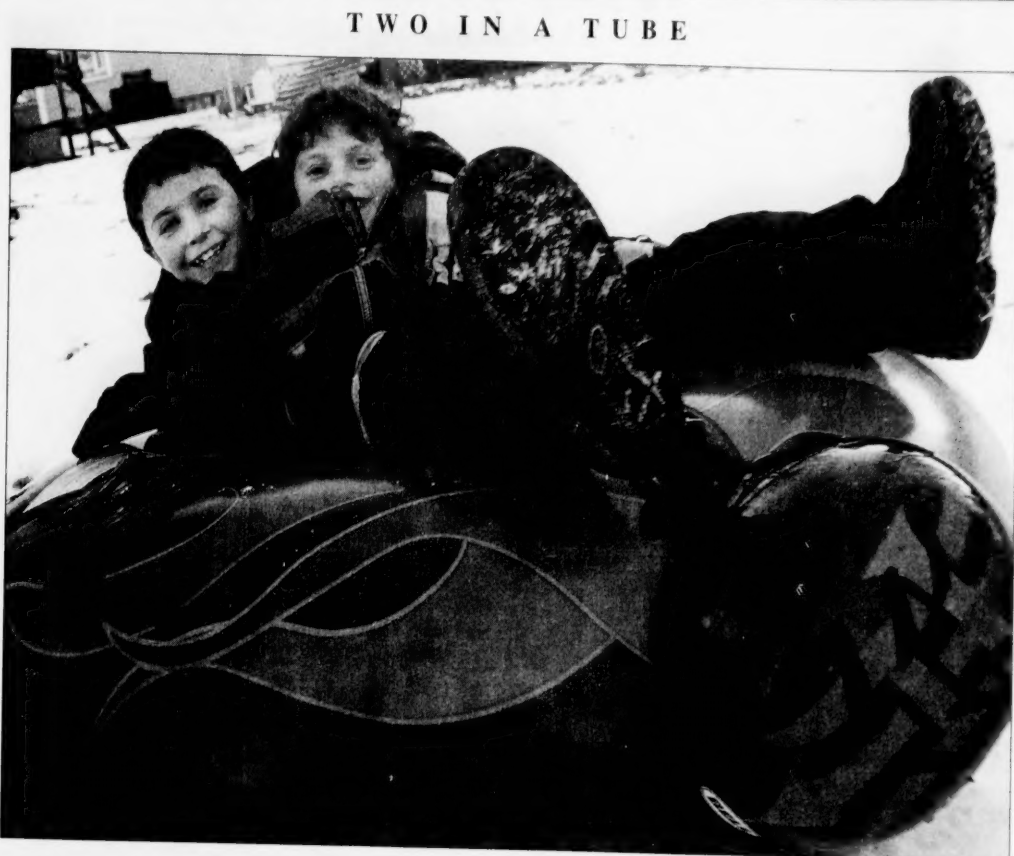
SURE, THE ANDOVER FRIENDLY ICE CREAM restaurant on North Main Street was part of a large corporation. But after 40 years in town, the ice-cream-and-burger shop felt closer to a mom-and-pop operation unique to our town. Generations of ball players ate ice cream with their parents there after a tough loss or glorious win. Teens enjoyed fries together. Elders shared breakfast. Then, almost literally overnight, it was gone.

The question now is, what will become of the site?

Before Andover built its new public safety center next door, the town tried to buy the land from Friendly's. The business was not interested in selling or swapping land. Could there be renewed interest by the town now? "I think it's something the town should definitely look at. It's probably one of the most valuable properties in Andover," said State Rep. Barry Finegold.

It is worth pursuing, but that price tag may put the land out of reach. Residents, of course, will all have their wishes for the land, whether the town buys it or it becomes another business. But I'm sure residents all agree on one thing: Please, no more lawyers' offices or nail salons. We have plenty of good ones.

Our downtown needs some variety, including the type of variety brought by an inexpensive family restaurant like Friendly's.



From left, Jonathan Gill and Ethan Brother sled down a hill behind Ethan's home on High Plain Road as they enjoyed their winter vacation from school on Tuesday.

LETTERS

LOW IMPACT

Flooding is not a new development problem only

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I think the discussion of berms and flooding problems goes beyond "new development" ("Flood stoppers," *Townsmen*, Dec. 22).

I live on Wintergreen Circle. Prior to the "sewer project," a quarter-inch berm largely shed water from my property for 20 years. After sewer-related repaving, the pitch of the road was changed enough so that cascading water caused substantial damage to my lawn and landscaping.

I've had this repaired at my expense. After repeated efforts to contact the town highway and maintenance departments, a new berm was finally installed, 6 or 7 inches high. It was a pathetic mush and soon destroyed by winter plowing. Again, after repeated calls to the town, a new one was installed. Whether it is intact, I cannot say – the snow is plowed too deeply along the road to see.

However, I believe foresight, intelligent design, competent oversight, and recognition that the problem is not limited to new development, are steps that will benefit the whole community. Is this view shared by others?

Curtis Siller
Wintergreen Circle

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About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's e-mailed file contains quotations such as these.

THE BACK PAGE

A park by any other name



Bill Dalton

Where do people get such silly ideas? It is incomprehensible to me. But rather than fuss and fume, let us attempt to settle this matter once and for all time. The four-acre parcel of land, which is across the street from the *Andover Townsmen* and is surrounded by Chestnut, Bartlett and Whittier streets and a no-name parking lot, is called and pronounced:

"The Pakk." It is permissible to call it "Centril Pakk." When these words are written they are "The Park" or "Central Park."

I have been steaming about this matter since I read about it in the *Eagle-Tribune* three weeks ago. The reporter noted that when the park was created in 1904 residents began using three names: The Park, the Commons, and Central Park. Well, as rock and roll elder statesman Meat Loaf would say, "two outta three ain't bad." I grew up across the street from the Park, (corners of Chestnut and Whittier) and not once in my life did I hear it called the Commons. I checked with my brothers. Neither had ever heard it called anything but the "Pakk" (and one of them was astounded: "...the Commons! No one ever called it that; in fact, 'Centril Pakk' was a reach and was used only if you thought the person you were talking with wasn't familiar with the area.")

Although I was not at the dedication ceremonies in 1904, it is possible that the name "Richardson Field" slipped into the speeches – if there were any speeches. I like the Park and all that but before the bandstand, the cannon, and

the veterans' memorial, it was just a field with a brook (since removed by the town's higher authorities) and not much of a place to be giving speeches. Mr. Richardson was a businessman who owned most of what is now the park. My father, who grew up a hundred yards from the Park, remembered hearing the Park called Richardson Field, but that didn't last for long. Perhaps if Mr. Richardson had given instead of selling the land to the town, the town would have named it after him.

The news story three weeks ago quoted sources that indicated that some new folks preferred the name "The Commons" to "The Park." Well, if that's the case, then the seven or eight Townies left in Andover who care about the real name better take some action fast. Sneaking something into the town warrant would be good, because anyone who calls the Pakk the Commons won't know where the town meeting is anyway.

The newspaper article also mentioned that some younger people refer to the park as "cannon park." This probably results from their parents, when describing where they were going, saying something like, "...Bartleby, dear, the lovely place with the cannon you like so much...cannon park..."

In any event, Andover already has a beautiful Commons so that name is already taken. The trouble is, when Andover stole the charter from our former townspeople in North Andover in the year 1855, we left our Commons in North Andover. It's a gorgeous place, much bigger and prettier than the Park, and it actually was a commons – an area used as common ground to graze farm animals – not a make-believe commons.

Bill Dalton is a former selectman.

Plow driver helped dig driver out of tough spot

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On Friday, Dec. 9 during the white-out conditions that hit in many of our local towns, I encountered a very special person at a very scary moment.

As I was heading north mid-afternoon on Interstate 93 in the Andover/Tewksbury area, the storm hit full force and the snow was accumulating very quickly. As cars around me slowed and then ultimately stopped across all lanes of the highway, my windshield wipers froze and locked completely. Unable to see and unable to stop safely, I

left the highway at the next exit, with my head out the window, attempting to clear my windshield by hand as I went.

Once I exited I-93, I was immediately very stuck. Feeling quite alone and still shaken, I met one of the kindest souls I have ever met. Ronny Guild, a town of Andover resident and employee, came along in his plow truck and quickly alleviated all of my concerns and fears. Not only did he assist me in clearing and digging out my vehicle, he then proceeded to plow over a mile down the road

to a local business so that I could wait out the storm. He then asked me to call him to let him know that I made it home OK to New Hampshire.

Guild is one of the kindest, unselfish, warm-hearted people I have ever met. Although I had a very frightening five-hour trip from Lexington to Deerfield, N.H., I knew that the spirit of Christmas still lives in people like Ronny Guild. For that, I am forever grateful.

Happy holidays.

Joelle Ford
Deerfield, N.H.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Every winter, when the great sun has turned his face away, The earth goes down into a vale of grief,

And fasts, and weeps, and shrouds herself in sables, Leaving her wedding-garlands to decay – Then leaps in spring to his returning kisses.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

I am aware that success is more than a good idea. It is timing too.

ANITA RODDICK

Each problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems.

RENE DESCARTES
DISCOURS DE LA METHODE

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.

MARTHA WASHINGTON
(1732 - 1802)

To regret one's own experiences is to arrest one's own development. To deny one's own experiences is to put a lie into the lips of one's life. It is no less than a denial of the soul.

OSCAR WILDE

Singing has always seemed to me the most perfect means of expression. It is so spontaneous. And after singing, I think the violin. Since I cannot sing, I paint.

GEORGIA O'KEEFE,
NEW YORK SUN, DEC. 5, 1922

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OBITUARIES

Mary G. Allard

Former resident worked at Andover Savings Bank

Mary G. (Fava) Allard, 88, of Hampstead, N.H. and formerly of Andover and Lynn, died Thursday, Dec. 22, at her home.

Born in Southbridge on Feb. 10, 1917, she was formerly employed by the Internal Revenue Service and the Andover Savings Bank.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church and formerly an active member of the Ladies Sodality of The Holy Family Church of Lynn.

She was the widow of Albert J. Allard.

Members of her family include five children, John Allard and his wife Betty of Marblehead, Anita Miller of Haverhill, Jean Rizzo of Hampstead, Arlene Wellspring and her husband Robert of Barre, Mass., and Elaine McEwen and her husband James of Plaistow, N.H.; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Albert Fava of Oldsmar, Fla., and Hugo Fava of Clearwater, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may

be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 366 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

John W. Wright

Lawyer was world traveler, avid golfer

John W. Wright, 82, a former long time resident of Lawrence and Andover, died Wednesday Dec. 21, in Sarasota, Fla, where he was a resident.

Mr. Wright was born in Lawrence, son of the late Harry and Elizabeth Wright. He grew up in Lawrence, graduating from Central Catholic High School, before serving in the Army during World War II. He served in the Japanese Theater with distinction and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Mr. Wright graduated from Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School. He practiced law for 45 years and was allowed to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Wright was an avid golfer, card player and master bridge player. An avid traveler,

Mr. Wright and his wife enjoyed seeing the world.

Members of his family include his wife, Barbara A. (Bannan) of Sarasota, Fla.; a brother, James W. Wright and his wife Lillian of Seabrook, N.H.; a sister, Rosemary Maloney of Wyckoff, N.J.; children, Timothy Wright and his wife Janis of Andover, John T. Wright of Portsmouth, N.H., Ann Baer and her husband David, of Englewood, Colo., and Tricia Wright of Edgewater, Colo.; four grandchildren; and 15 nieces and nephews. He was also the father of the late Michael A. Wright and Mark Wright.

A funeral service will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Ballardvale on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 9 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics, 450 Maple St., Building One, Danvers, Mass. 01923 - Attn: Kristen Rumbel.

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

DEATHS

Mary G. Allard, 88
Muriel (Theberge) Smith, 57
Vartkes K. Sohigian, 76
John W. Wright, 82

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

SMITH - Muriel D. (Theberge) Smith, 57, of Georgetown and formerly of Lawrence, died Friday, Dec. 23, at home.

She worked as an incentive pay coordinator for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for many years.

Vartkes K. "Varky" Sohigian

Active in Armenian groups, photography

Vartkes K. "Varky" Sohigian of Andover, a retired human relations executive and active community member, died Monday, Dec. 26. He was 76.

Born in Worcester, Mr. Sohigian went to Worcester schools, obtained a mechanical engineering degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and later earned a master's degree in business administration from Northeastern University.

He was a member of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic

Church in North Andover and of the church's Men's Club. He was active in the Armenian Youth Federation and numerous community organizations.

Mr. Sohigian served in the US Army in the early 1950s.

He was the director of human relations at Raytheon as well as the senior compensation specialist at Wang Corp. He also worked at Simonds Company.

An accomplished amateur photographer and member of the Lawrence Camera Club, he won several competitions and later helped younger students refine their photography skills. Family members said his sparkling sense of humor and generous spirit were appreciated by all who knew him.

Members of his family include his wife, Matilda "Tillie"

G. (Germagian) Sohigian; two children, Steven and Stephanie, all of Andover; a sister, Margaret; a brother, Aram and his wife Janice, all of Worcester; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 158 Main St., North Andover. Burial will follow in West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover.

Friends may call tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Gregory's Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 158 Main St., North Andover, MA, 01845.

Arrangements are by the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Homes of Andover and North Andover.

Rembering some of those lost in 2005

While it is impossible to name everyone who passed on during 2005, the following is a short list of just some of those special, local people who died this year:

By Judy Wakefield

A popular Central Catholic High School school junior died in a tragic snowmobile accident at Poms Pond on Feb. 5.

Brian DeSalvo, 16, of South Lawrence, died after he struck the back of another snowmobile and was thrown into a tree. Police said he was not wearing a helmet and no charges were filed.

The accident occurred at the snow-covered beach at Poms Pond, near Camp Maude Eaton, a summer camp for Girl Scouts. The area attracts snowmobilers in the winter and dirt-bike riders in the warmer months.

Janyce Sagaser, 78, died just a week after receiving a top award from the Andover Rotary Club. She was among the Andover residents named "Citizens Who Care" in 2005. The Rotary Club presented Mrs. Sagaser with her award about four months before the actual ceremony because she was dying of cancer. She died on Feb. 16.

Tom Koravos was the man behind the counter at the former Ford's Coffee Shop for some 40 years. It's been 11 years since the coffee shop closed - it's now Starbucks Coffee - but townies remember Mr. Koravos and his wife, Stella, well. He was a popular businessman on Main Street and his daughter said the couple loved running the coffee shop and called it their "Cinderella story." He died March 18 at the age of 85.

Richard "Dick" Chapell, a longtime downtown businessman who owned Andover Photo on Barnard Street, is remembered for his old-school business appeal. He enjoyed talking with customers. Town record books report he bought the former Look Photo in the Musgrove Building on Main Street in 1978 and relocated the business to Barnard Street, where it still stands. Mr. Chapell was 77 when he died on Oct. 10.

Mildred "Millie" Vogel owned and operated a popular women's clothing shop downtown for 55 years with her husband, Sy. Mrs. Vogel, who owned The Taylor Shop on Barnard Street and was known as "Millie" by just about everyone, lived in town for more than 40 years. She and her husband ran the shop from 1949 until they retired in 2004. She was 85 when she died on Oct. 27.

Frank M. "Skip" Eccles, 80, was a School Committee member who served from 1996 to 2000 and was retired from Phillips Academy. He was a tireless volunteer in Andover and surrounding communities and was a well-known advocate for kids. He was also a lacrosse coach at Phillips for 22 years, where his teams won numerous awards. He died Nov. 1.

75 Years Ago - 1930

A purse-snatcher apparently plied his trade successfully Tuesday evening shortly after 6. Police have found no trace of the man who snatched a handbag on Chestnut Street, and then ran down the street towards Central. Miss Julia Daly said her handbag contained \$50. She was walking down Chestnut Street to her home when the man ran past, snatching the bag as he bolted away.

The Red Cross for 1930 has been completed, with 2,013 persons having joined and \$3,483.17 having been raised. The amount was an increase over last year.

Shawsheen Village retains the title of "coldest" Merrimack Valley locality this week. Monday, while temperatures hovered near zero in the area, Shawsheen registered 10 below.

Firemen were called to extinguish a brushfire off Sunset Rock Road at 10:55 Wednesday morning. Another brushfire was extinguished on Dascomb Road at 6:20 p.m.

The Abbot Dramatic Club presented two plays, "The Wedding Present" and "The Boy Comes Home," on Tuesday night in Davis Hall.

Two Middle Street men were held for the federal grand jury by US Commissioner R. B. Walsh in US District Court in Lowell on Thursday on charges of illegal manufacture and possession of liquor in Andover. They were held under \$1,000 bail.

Iturbi, the Spanish piano virtuoso, presented a piano concert in George Washington Hall last Monday night. The selections played included Mozart's *Sonata in A Major*, Schumann's *Arabesque*, and Brahms' *Variations on a Theme of Paganini*.

Violations of traffic regulations through failure to observe automatic signals is increasing. The practice of ignoring signals has become common due to the lack of police enforcement.

The 36th annual Goldsmith Speaking Prize contest will be held Thursday night in the auditorium of Pynchard High School. Readings will include *The Masque of Red Death* by Edgar Allan Poe and *The True Prince and the Feigned* by Mark Twain.

Three breaks committed

sometime late Saturday night are under investigation by the Andover police, who suspect that the breaks were made by the same persons. The thieves broke into the garage of James Toohey on Abbot Street and attempted to steal his car. They then entered the heating plant of the residence and took a brown fur coat and a valuable black dogskin. They also entered the garage of Scott Parasides on Main Street and attempted to steal his car.

50 Years Ago - 1955

An energetic, new political committee will sponsor two candidates for the School Committee in the annual town election. Sponsored by the group are candidates Phillips B. Marsden Jr. and Mrs. C. Edward Buchan.

Isham infirmary at Phillips Academy shared in the recent grant of half-a-billion dollars from the Ford Foundation, receiving \$10,000. Merrimack College was the largest local recipient, receiving \$141,600.

In a traditional Christmas setting achieved through the tasteful use of musical silhouettes through the hall and on the tables, the Yuletide Musical Bazaar of the Ballardvale United Church opened Saturday afternoon. Highlights of the affair included the house-cooked baked bean supper and the evening's entertainment.

William P. Bolin is the person of the week at Pynchard High School. He is a member of the Student Council, Service Club, track team, and basketball team.

James D'Angelo was elected captain of the Phillips Academy football team. He is the first Andover boy to receive this title in 35 years.

On Tuesday afternoon at Memorial Hall Library, a group of young puppeteers presented a puppet show based on *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

St. Francis Seminary celebrated its 25th anniversary this year with a display of 25,000 specially colored bulbs and other attractions. The lights were hooked with more than five miles of wire.

West Andoverites don't want industry in their neighborhood. That fact became clear Monday night when 31 members of the North District Improvement Association voted against indus-

trial growth, while only 4 voted for it.

The Post Office handled more mail Monday than in any other day in the history of its service in Andover. Postmaster Stephen Boland said that 67,170 pieces of mail moved.

Members of the planning board, selectmen, and industrial commission members were reminded Monday night that the voters failed to take steps to accomplish water supply and distribution projects when suggested by BPW in years past. Selectman Sidney P. White, also chairman of the BPW, told the boards that the town is running far behind its time schedule, based on a 1945 report recommending changes and additions to the system here.

25 Years Ago - 1980

Ramon De Los Reyes and his Spanish dance theatre will give performances on Wednesday morning at the East Junior High School auditorium. The company consists of four dancers and a guitarist who presented authentic folk and classical dances from Latin America.

St. Augustine School's cafeteria was the scene of Cub Scout Pack 75's annual Boat Regatta. Awards were given for the best-dressed pirate, the best boat design, and the fastest boat.

John Hus, a one-hour dramatic film about the life of the noted 15th century Bohemian priest, will be shown at the Andover Bible Chapel, 266 Lowell St., on Thursday evening.

Indians and Indian lore was the theme for the meeting last week of the Cub Scout Pack 71. The boys presented a skit entitled, "Are Indian Boys Different From You and Me?" and presented totems, Indian necklaces, shakers, Indian headdresses, arrows, peace pipes, and totem poles that they had made.

A combination of illnesses was taking Andover school youngsters home by the dozens this week. The worst hit was East Junior High, where 92 pupils were absent yesterday. The normal absentee rate is 15 to 20 students.

George L. Heiter of 26 Kathleen Drive was recently named inventor and awarded a US Patent for his development of a device which improves the reception of radio signals, espe-

cially under adverse (fading) conditions, by allowing a single receiver to be connected to two antennas.

The town manager, Jared Clark, has come under fire from the police and fire department union for exposing the extent of sick leave abuse. Mr. Clark contends that \$45,200 per year could be saved by the town just by bringing sick leave within reason. This contention follows Mr. Clark's proposal to trim \$30,000 from both the police and fire department budgets.

Shawsheen residents are upset over the plans by the plaza's developer to expand the plaza. The plans provide for a twin cinema to seat 456, and 10 new stores that will be built in a 25,555 square-foot addition to the plaza. The existing buildings occupy 71,873 square feet. To appease the residents, the developer, Gordon Bloom, offered to station police to direct traffic in the plaza.

A new automated cataloging system and ordering system at the Memorial Hall Library will save the town \$3,000 this year by eliminating the need for some part-time clerical help. Library Director Nancy Jacobson has secured a federal grant to fund the automated system.

The selectmen Monday night approved the sale of a domestic water supply by North Reading to Mohammed Khurso of 181 Jenkins Road. The terms of the sale were negotiated by officials from Andover and North Reading.

At a meeting Monday night of the selectmen and Andover's legislators, the politicians discussed the ramifications of the passage of Proposition 2½. Other items up for discussion were reducing state mandates, eliminating county government, restoring local court fines and developing youth-detention facilities.

A new ramp for handicapped patrons, extending from Main Street, near the service station, to the lower level of the library, has been installed at Memorial Hall Library, Andover. An internal elevator will be used to carry wheelchair-bound residents and others who cannot use the stairs to the main reading room and all stack levels of the library except the second floor hall.

10 Years Ago - 1995

Thirty-three juniors and seniors were inducted into the Andover High School chapter of the National Honor Society in a

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Disaster-relief efforts turn a literary page at library event



On Dec. 13, a benefit was held at the Memorial Hall Library in Andover to raise money for tsunami and hurricane relief. Several book collections (*In the Arms of Words*, *Only the Sea Keeps*, *The Merrimack Literary Review*) were sold, and the proceeds went to charities such as Mercy Corps and AmeriCares. "Despite the cold weather that night, we had a good turnout," said event coordinator Tara Masih. "People came from as far as Haverhill and Boston. I was especially impressed with the number of young people in the audience. We sold about \$700 worth of books, which is a lot in the poetry world, and took in additional cash donations."

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL GILLIGAN



Credit has to go to the authors who volunteered their time and brought a lot of enthusiasm for the cause into their readings." The Krendel-Clark Group entertained with jazz from New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta region. The event was sponsored by Friends of the Memorial Hall Library, and featured guest speakers Mark Schorr from the Robert Frost Foundation and Dr. Marguerite Bouvard from Brandeis. Left photo: From left are event coordinator Tara Masih; Amy Ouzoonian, editor of *In the Arms of Words*; and Tim Cremin, Andover poet. Right photo: Guest speaker Dr. Marguerite Bouvard, and Andover poets Kathleen Aponick and Helena Minton.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, December 29

No events listed.

Friday, December 30

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater. The Valley Players will perform the adult comedy *A Little Quickie*, through Jan. 15, featuring the comedy team of Steve & Allen and a twisting and entertaining plot, 7 p.m. (buffet at 5 p.m.), reservations required, \$17 show only, dinner-show combo start at \$30 and go up to \$45, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesbury-playhouse.org.

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

No events listed.

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day

No events listed.

Monday, January 2

Rehearsal and audition, the Newburyport Choral Society holds member registration and auditions for new members at the first two rehearsals each season, including Jan. 2 and 16 for the 2006 spring concert, which will feature an all-Mozart concert to be presented May 20 and 21; registration and auditions at 6 p.m., followed by rehearsal at 7 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; regular weekly rehearsals will be held Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Rupert Nock Middle School, 70 Low St., Newburyport; 978-462-0650 or visit the Web site www.newburyportchoralsociety.org.

Tuesday, January 3

No events listed.

Wednesday, January 4

No events listed.

Thursday, January 5

No events listed.

Friday, January 6

Musical auditions, for the Pentucket Players' performance of *Kiss Me Kate*, the classic musical comedy based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*; two audition times, Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the mill loft at the corner of Winter and Stevens streets, Route 97 in Haverhill; John Buzzell 978-372-7929 or visit the Web site www.pentucketplayers.org.

Saturday, January 7

Family auditions, for the Amesbury Players' late winter performance of the family show, *Over the Tavern*, which will be performed Thursdays through Sundays, Feb. 23 through Mar. 12; auditions 1:30-4:30 p.m., multiple parts for adults and children, and all roles are being cast; auditioners should be prepared to read from a script, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; Kristen Dinsmore 978-388-9444.

Chinese New Year 2006 Global Gala, sponsored by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV), hundreds of talented Asian and Western artists come together for a spectacular event featuring music, dance, acrobatics and world-class entertainment for the whole family, 2 and 8 p.m., tickets \$35, \$50 and \$65, Cutler Majestic Theatre, www.cutlermajestictheatre.com.

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Getting married? Read this, guys!

By Greta Cuyler

FED UP WITH WEDDING GUIDES he read when he was engaged, former Andover resident Doug Gordon decided to write his own handbook on wedding planning — from the groom's perspective.

"The books I read said things like, 'if you're not careful, you're going to wreck your bride's wedding,' which is sort of a terrible way to look at your wedding," said Gordon.

The result is *The Engaged Groom*, written by Gordon after he was married, which incorporates the tips he learned, and warns grooms about potential pitfalls they may reach along the way.

"I had questions I couldn't find in other books, or at least books that spoke to me. I wrote the book that I would have liked to have read," he said.

One of the key themes throughout the book is a dismantling of the "shoulds" and "must haves." No matter what a wedding planner or well-meaning friends tell a groom, the only thing he must do is have a good time, says Gordon. Beyond that, nothing is essential.

Are you a groom who wants to get involved but doesn't know how? It's easy, says Gordon. Be the producer, IT consultant, delivery guy, DJ or food tester. The producer takes on a big-picture role, creating budgets and lists, while his fiancée handles the day-to-day details. The IT consultant takes his expertise in Excel and becomes the master of the invitation lists, RSVPs and thank-you notes. The delivery guy pitches in when needed, picking up invitations at the printer and dropping them off at the post office. The DJ parlayes his love of music into interviews with band leaders or loads up his iPod with music for the wedding. The food tester...well, that's pretty obvious.

"We split things pretty equally and it was about the two of us," says Gordon of his wedding planning with his bride, Leora. "Some things she was good at, some things I was good at. And then there were the things that neither of us were good at, and we worked together on those things."

Although there are traditions about who pays what at a wedding (bride's family pays for the reception, groom's family pays for the rehearsal dinner), nothing needs to be set in stone. In fact, as couples marry later in life, they often pay for some, if not all, of the expense themselves. That frees the couple from having to do what other people want at the wedding.

Make a wedding budget, suggests Gor-



The Engaged Groom by former Andover resident Doug Gordon, shown with his new wife, Leora Kaye.

don, including deposits and due dates. Think about getting married during off-peak times, weekdays, when not only will venue prices be less, but services for caterers, bands and photographers will likely be cheaper.

Some of Gordon's other advice is:

- Don't register for anything with an expiration date before your five-year anniversary (no food).

- Don't buy into the wedding industry's hundreds of personalized items: chocolate bars with your initials on them, candy tins etched with your names and wedding date, or, believe it not, pieces of confetti each etched with the name of the bride and groom — so small, nobody can read it.

- It's OK to have women in the groom's party if you have a favorite female friend.

- For goodness sakes, let the bridesmaids pick their own dresses (within guidelines). You'll never find one dress to fit all

friends' shapes and sizes.

Gordon also advises that people should beware of playing certain songs at a wedding. Of *My Heart Will Go On* by Celine Dion, Gordon says, "Any song that will forever be associated with a movie about a sinking ship is not the best soundtrack for your marriage."

Gordon also offers how-to advice for the less-than-fashion-conscious groom. For

example, there is a two-page, illustrated description of how to tie a bow tie, along with pictures and descriptions of different types of men's wedding jackets, lapels, shirt collars and neck wear. There also are emergency checklists for the groom on the day of the wedding.

"When I was engaged, I kept a Web site blog and I kept documenting stuff we were going through and the response was getting very big," said Gordon. "I thought just friends and family would read it, but others started commenting on it and asking questions. I was seeing that there was a need for it."

Gordon grew up in Andover, attending South Elementary School and Doherty Junior High before graduating from Andover High School in 1992. He went on to attend Tufts University in Medford.

He was a TV writer and producer for the ABC hit *WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE*, writing jokes for Regis Philbin and then Meredith Vieira. He says he watched the show go from "nowhere" in 1999 to "on the cover of every magazine and 30 million people watching" to a "mundane, everyday sort of thing." He worked on the show for four years.

He is now producing a show for the History Channel, tentatively titled *Super Tools*. It is a show about big construction projects over the years and what has changed in how projects are built, focusing on the enormous equipment that workers use. Gordon is producing a segment about bridges.

Gordon's mother, Sally Gordon lives in Andover and his grandmother, Miriam Gordon, lives in North Andover.

► *The Engaged Groom* will be available online beginning Dec. 27, at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com. It will be in bookstores on Jan. 1 at a retail price of \$14.95.



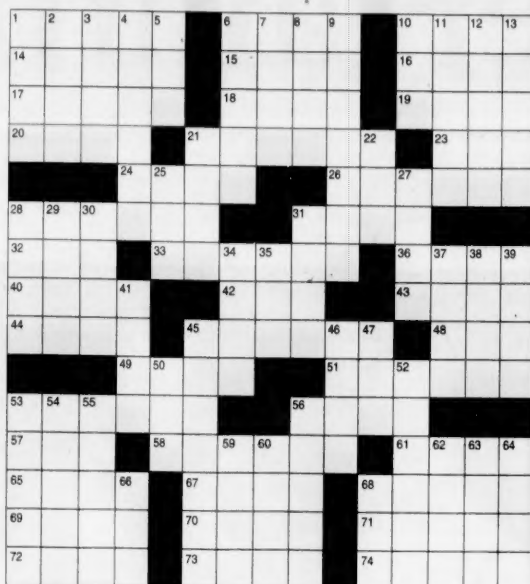
COURTESY PHOTO

The Winter Edition of the Greater Boston Antiques Festival is taking place Jan. 21-22 at Shriner's Auditorium in Wilmington. Above, an image of an antique Singer sewing machine helps represent the show, which will include more than 160 antiques dealers from 11 states featuring hundreds of sought-after items including Victorian furniture, European ceramics, fine arts and prints, china, sterling silver, folk art, Asian Antiques, decorative items and estate jewelry dating from the 18th to the early 20th Century. Admission to the Greater Boston Antiques Festival is \$8 per person. For more information, call 781-862-4039, or visit www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Search for water
6. Runners used for gliding over snow
10. Feign
14. Copyreads
15. A cardinal compass point
16. Adventure story
17. With no brim or bill
18. Lake ___, one of the Great
19. Morally base
20. Wood source
21. Copyread
23. Spanish cheer
24. Greek harp
26. Puzzle bits
28. More argent
31. Manpowers
32. Snake-like fish
33. Receptacle for fire debris
36. Atmospheric white flakes
40. A fresh
42. State or say further
43. Swearing to the truth of a statement
44. Got up
45. Three-part arthropods
48. School organization
49. The self of any person
51. Free from guile, cunning, or deceit
53. Heighten
56. Call out over a P.A. system
57. American shade tree
58. Commercial instrument
61. Free from danger



CLUES DOWN

9. Increase the slope
10. Between south and southeast
11. Disturbance
12. Quick and resourceful
13. Masculine persons
21. Strays
22. Clamor
25. Affirmative
27. Expr. ___ coffee
28. Toothed wheel
29. Gambling town
30. Brews
31. Produced
34. ___ Christian Anderson
35. Digital music receptacles
37. The back side of the neck
38. M. ___ applesauce
39. Which kind?
41. Shed tears
45. Bug
46. Chew the fat
47. Cloth
50. Obtain
52. Empty
53. Low lead coffee
54. Run away with lover
55. Electronic communication
56. Punitive
59. Advance evidence for
60. Hawaiian coffee
62. Lowest female singing voice
63. Not genuine
64. Catch sight of
66. Tit for
68. Egyptian cobra

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219 Tremont St., Boston; tickets at box office at 617-824-8000 or visit Web site www.newyeargala.ndtv.com.

Kiss Me Kate auditions, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., see entry for Friday, Jan. 6.

Sunday, January 8

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Zoolights, the Stone Zoo in Stoneham is all decked out to sparkle, a winter wonderland filled with thousands of lights; visit the brightly-lit Yukon Creek, where Arctic foxes, bald eagles, a lynx and a pair of real reindeer reside; Santa will be on hand for photos; Santa's Castle is full of fairy-tale characters and dancing plush animals; daily

through Dec. 30, 5-9 p.m., \$4 general admission, \$3 for members, free for children under 2, Stone Zoo, 149 Pond St., Stoneham; 617-541-5466 or www.zoonewengland.org.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, Little Women, Little Men: Folk Art Portraits of Children from the Fenimore Art Museum and Child's Play: Children from the Addison Collection, both on display through Dec. 31; Unfamiliar Territory, the photography of Oscar Palacio, through Dec. 31; regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through Dec. 31, Countèrpoints, a show featuring the work of two artists, veteran painter John Mulcahy and watercolorist Stephanie Anderson, gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery and Studio, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819 or www.thebrush.org.

COOL Gallery, exhibit hours Tuesday and Thursday, 1-5 p.m., COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162.

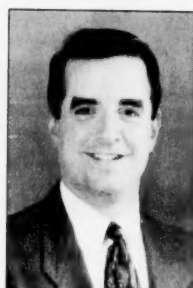
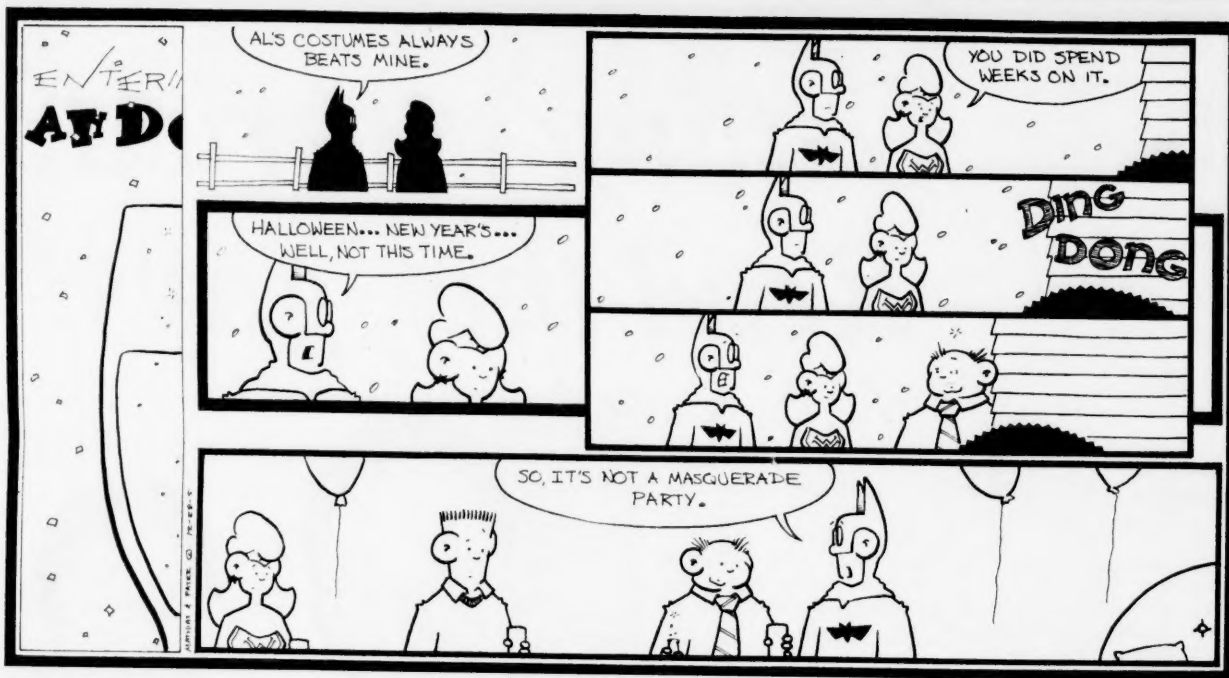
Gallery 181, Cotton Weaving House, 181 Canal St., Lawrence; Jim 978-688-4544.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-

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Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month is photographer John Distefano, library hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401, Ext. 49, www.mhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Essex Art Center, regular gallery hours Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343, or www.essexartcenter.com.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Lorica Artworks, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents "Gathering Season," a group show presenting recent work by 21 artists from Ireland and America whose images display subject matter linked to the land; gallery hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m., as well as by appointment; show runs to Dec. 31; free admission, handicap access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829 or www.loricaartworks.com.

Marland Place Gallery, daily viewing times 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Diane 978-475-4225.

Walsingham Gallery, works by artists J.C. Airolidi, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art 301 Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and by appointment, 301 Cabot St., Beverly; Ashley Hopkins 978-921-4242, Ext. 1114.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evovarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-

8883.

Churchill Gallery, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, is exhibiting new works of the gallery artists at the Topsfield public library, featuring a representative sampling of Saltbox Gallery artists, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and hand-carved objects; the library is at 1 South Common St., Topsfield, library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.; gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Sense of Wonder Gallery, 622 Main St., Reading; 781-944-8986 or www.senseofwondergifts.com.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Brodus Gallery of Art, 4:30-6 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376

At the Andover Historical Society

Exhibit: Fiber (art) is good for you

"Bits & Pieces of Fanciful Fiber," by Debb Putnam, is the most recent exhibit in the Historical Society's Contemporary Andover Artists Series, and will grace the reception area through Feb. 15.

Originally from Tennessee, by way of California, Putnam has been an Andover resident for 17 years and started working in textiles as a quilter. Her colorful and creative works represent personal expressions employing a variety of fused fabric, felt, quilting, embroidery, roving, netting, beads, and paper. For one dramatic wall hanging, *Falling Leaves*, inspired by autumn walks

down Central Street, the artist pressed actual leaves for templates. Several pieces were inspired by the art of China, where she and her husband lived several years. Other works, like *Chili Pepper*, are made of felted pre-dyed wool batt and roving. Some wall hangings are enhanced with metallic threads, beads, shells, and found objects.

"I've always liked art and playing with the possibilities of textures, shapes and colors," Putnam explains. She started in fabric art by quilting, which "was like working in stained glass, except that you don't get cut." A variety of fabrics are rearranged in her

works to share some personal experience or express a feeling. She admits to being a "consummate scrap hound, loathe to waste any morsel of a luscious fabric."

The public is invited to Meet the Artist Sunday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m. As part of the Society's ongoing after-school program, Time Travelers, Putnam will teach fabric art to 8- to 12-year-olds on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 3:30 to 5:30. This program, which is \$14 for members and \$18 for non-members (including all materials and a snack), will focus on creating original valentines. Call 978-475-2236 for further information.

Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery, "Beyond the Classroom, Clubs, Organizations and Traditions" will be on display through Dec. 22 at Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly; exhibit is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Barbara Brodus 978-232-2257.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, regular gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyport-art.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy,

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 172 Middle

St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0230 or ayerlofts.com/exhibits.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

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New Year's Day is the oldest of the holidays we celebrate. People wish others a "Happy New Year" for days before and after Jan. 1. However, Jan. 1 wasn't always the date for the start of the new year.

New Year's celebrations date back about 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. The Babylonian New Year was celebrated in the spring. The celebration lasted eleven days.

The Romans also celebrated the new year in late March. However, their calendar often changed with their different emperors. Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, developed the Julian calendar and set Jan. 1 as the beginning of the New Year.

The Chinese celebrate the new year later in the winter. New Year's celebrations come with traditions. Many people make New Year's resolutions. These resolutions are goals for the coming year. Some people say they will give up sweets, others vow to lose weight and others may resolve to study more.

One of our American traditions is eating black-eyed peas for good luck. Other foods eaten for good luck include cabbage and rice.

The Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune. Donuts are the shape of a ring which symbolizes coming full circle. The Kid likes the Dutch choice for good luck!

Another American tradition is the Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day in California. The parade started in 1886 by the Valley Hunt Club. Club members decorated their carriages with beautiful flowers. Most floats today are motorized, but they are still decorated with flowers.

After the parade, fans watch the Rose Bowl football game. The first game was played in 1902. However Roman chariot races replaced the football game the next year. After 14 years of chariot races, football returned.

Many Americans gather with family or friends to see in the New Year. We kiss our loved ones and make lots of noise when midnight strikes.

For over 100 years, people have gathered in New York City's Times Square to bring in the New Year. Dropping a lighted ball at midnight began in 1907. The current ball was unveiled in 2000 for the new millennium.

No matter what your New Year's traditions, the Kid wishes you a very happy and safe New Year!

Newspaper activity

What New Year's resolutions will you make? Make a list of them.

Find words in your newspaper that describes your resolutions. Cut out the words and paste them on a sheet of paper.

Check back during the year to see if you kept your resolutions.

Good Luck

Letter Switch

Make two new words from these words by moving one letter from the first word to anywhere in the second word. Don't change the order of any other letters.

Example: Move the R from TREE to the end of TEA to make TEE and TEAR.

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noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

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Newburyport Art Association, free and open to the public; regular gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

Theater

North Shore Music Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*, the 17th year of NSMT's production of the musical based on Dickens's memorable characters, with performances every day through Saturday, Dec. 24, and featuring a winter wonderland of festive surroundings, including lights, decorations, was-sail bowl, gatherings with cast members and all the magic and merriment of the season; tickets are priced from \$35 to \$68, North Shore Music Theater Dunham Road, Beverly; call the box office at



Rob Carroll of Newburyport plays Steve Tanner and Jamie Taker of Haverhill plays his wife Sara in The Valley Players production of "A Little Quicke" at the Amesbury Playhouse.

978-232-7200.

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, The Valley Players will perform the adult comedy *A Little Quicke*, Dec. 30 through January 15, Thursdays through Sundays, with one matinee on Wednesday, Jan. 11; the comedy team of Steve & Allen as well as other colorful characters tie together a hilarious sex farce with a twisting and entertaining plot; Thursdays 7 p.m. (buffet at 5 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (dinner, 7 p.m.)

and Sundays at 1 (dinner, noon) and at 6:30 p.m. (dinner, 5 p.m.), reservations required, \$17 show only, dinner-show combo start at \$30 and go up to \$45, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesbury-playhouse.org.

Quannapowitt Players, QP Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; for info and tickets 781-942-2212 or www.qptheater.com.

Le Grand David Spectacular

Magie Company, in its 30th consecutive season at the Cabot St. Cinema, every Sunday 3 p.m. (with the exception of Dec. 25), \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677 or www.legranddavid.com.

Stoneham Theatre, from Jan. 12 through 29 featuring an inspiring adaptation of John Irving's shocking and darkly funny novel *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, on its surface the story of one small incredible boy, but at its heart an examination of the meaning of faith and the future of America, 395 Main St., Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200 or www.stonehamtheatre.org.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. On exhibit in the reception area through Feb. 15 is "Bits & Pieces of Fanciful Fiber" by Debb Putnam, one in the Contemporary Andover Artists Series. Putnam, an Andover resident for the past 17 years, fuses fabric, felt, quilting technique, embroidery, roving, netting, beads and paper into unique and dramatic wall hangings. She will be on hand to meet the public on Sunday, Jan. 29, and will teach fabric art to 8- to 12-year-olds as part of the Time Traveler after school series, on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m., at a cost of \$14 for members or \$18 for non-members, including all materials and a snack. Museum tours and exhibits open Tuesdays through Saturdays 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students and seniors \$3. Research library and archives open Tuesdays through Saturdays 10

a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment; 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236; www.andhist.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

The Revolving Museum, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

um.org.

Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House, tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

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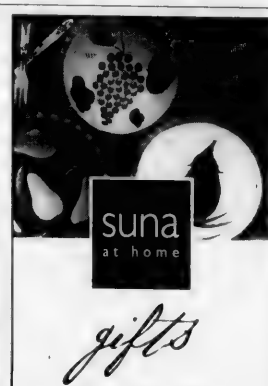
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Sports

ANDOVER HIGH ROUNDUP

Win-ter wonderland

AHS teams burying winter competition so far with flurry of wins

By Rick Harrison

Andover High varsity sports teams continued their assault on the opposition early in the winter season. As the *Townsmen* went to press, all eight AHS squads that have played in December remained undefeated. They had a combined record of 22-0 through Tuesday.

Maggie Cosgrove, Lauren Hughes and Laura Renfro combined for 37 points as the Andover High girls varsity basketball team overcame a slow start and a so-so finish to defeat host Salem, N.H. High, 64-47, in Tuesday night's semifinal round of the annual Greater Lawrence Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The victory was the sixth straight to start the season for the Lady Warriors, who take that perfect 6-0 record into tonight's (Thursday) championship game against North Andover.

The locals will be seeking their ninth holiday tourney title in the last 11 years.

The AHS boys also won their Holiday Tournament opener, 62-49 over Methuen, to earn a berth opposite Lawrence in last night's semifinals held at North Andover High after *Townsmen* presstime.

Also victorious on Tuesday was the Andover girls gymnastics team, which toppled host Billerica in its season opener.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Senior left wing and Capt. A.J. Drivas scored the first hat trick of the season, while sophomore line-mate John Hyslip added a pair of goals as the Andover High boys varsity ice hockey team blasted Dracut, 8-1, in a Merrimack Valley/Dual County League crossover game at the Janas Rink in Lowell.

It marked the second straight blowout win for coach Mario Martiniello's Golden Warriors — both by seven goals — as the locals improved to 2-0.

AHS has now beaten the reigning MVDCL Division 2 (Boston Latin) and Division 3 (Dracut) champs to open the season.

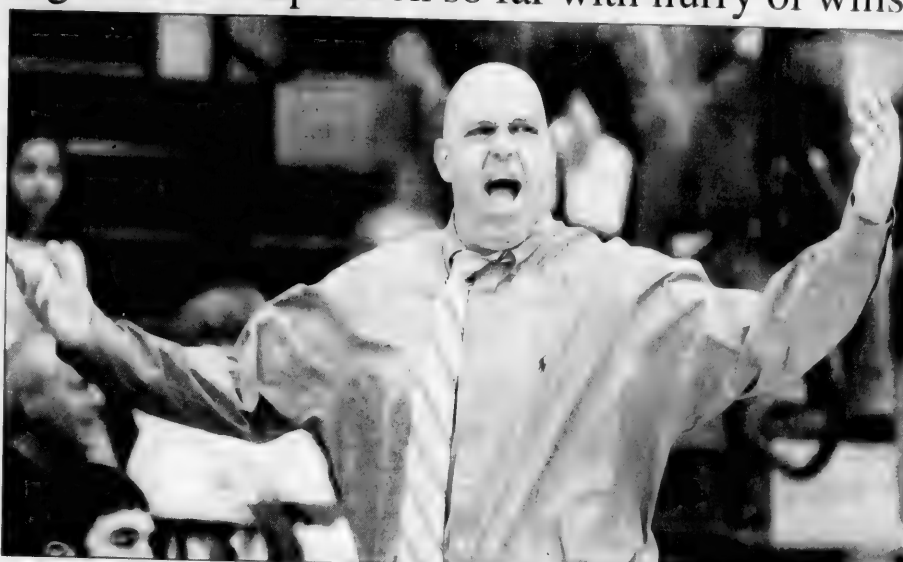
Schedule

The Golden Warriors played the first of three games in the Salem, N.H. Christmas Tournament last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, against Timberlane Regional of Plaistow.

Tourney play continues tonight and tomorrow, while the next MVDCL 2 game is next Wednesday at home versus Lincoln-Sudbury at the Merrimack Valley Forum (6 p.m.).

Andover 8 Dracut 1

Drivas and Hyslip did all their scoring in the first two periods,



Andover High School coaches such as boys basketball coach Dave Fazio have had little to complain about as Andover's winter teams had not lost a game as of *Townsmen* deadline this week.

while senior linemate/center Matt Colby notched an assist on all five of their goals as the locals grabbed a commanding 5-1 lead.

The Golden Warriors padded the score with a trio of third-period goals by Phil Kim (6:17), Tucker Mullin (8:23) and Mike LaMagna (short-handed with 18 seconds left).

The most impressive goal of the day, according to coach Martiniello, was the final one by LaMagna.

Austin Gilbert blocked a Dracut pass, controlled the puck and sent LaMagna away. The Andover goalscorer shifted the puck to his backhand and zipped a shot past Dracut netminder Tom Gargiulo.

"Obviously our first line (Drivas, Colby, Hyslip) really stepped up their play," said Martiniello. "They were all over the scoresheet."

"The whole team was flying. We took it to them on offense and Zac (Frish) was solid in net."

Mullin, Joe Benedix and Gilbert finished with an assist each, and Frish made 13 saves as the Golden Warriors managed a wide 42-14 shooting edge including 16-3 in the third stanza.

INDOOR TRACK

Both Andover High varsity indoor track teams improved to 2-0 following impressive Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual-meet wins over visiting Lowell at the AHS Field House.

The boys broke away late in their meet for a 52-34 triumph, while the girls chalked up a 57.25 to 28.75 victory.

The win was also the ninth straight over two years for the defending MVC 1 champion Andover boys.

Schedule

The next dual meet is Jan. 4 when Haverhill comes to town (3:30 p.m.).

Andover boys 52 Lowell 34

The Golden Warriors placed first in six of the 10 events and finished 1-2 in three of them as they downed the always pesky Red Raiders.

Junior Nate Baker and senior Capt. Adam Cuomo, Jason Sheldon and Pierre Hage shared the spotlight, each placing first or second in an individual event before combining talents to win the final 4x400 relay in 3:47.5.

Baker once again scored in two events, finishing second in both the 300 dash (35.0) and high jump (5'7").

Cuomo was tops in the 50 hurdles (6.6) and anchored the relay, while Sheldon was victorious in the 50 dash (5.7) and Hage in the 300 dash (34.7).

Also first for AHS were junior two-miler Peter Shaw (10:25.7) and junior high jumper Andrew Wheelwright (5'9").

Other runners-up included senior sprinter Jeff Belardo (50 dash, 5.8), senior Capt. Mike Baldwin (600 run, 1:23.1), senior Capt. Ben Ossoff (1000 run, 2:33.9) and junior miler Frank Perrone (4:56.9).

Placing third were sophomore Mike Murray (600 run, 1:26.1), miler David Easton (5:10.1), senior two-miler Peter Brown (10:48.2) and senior shot putter and Capt. John Kim (41'1").

Andover girls 57.25 Lowell 28.75

The Lady Warriors placed first in six of 10 events, and went 1-2 in five, on the way to the decisive victory.

Nailing down individual triumphs were junior sprinter Chrissy Peracchi in the 50 dash (6.6), 50-yard hurdler and senior Capt. Brittany Pierce (7.4), invincible junior flash Rachel Fox in the 600 run (1:34.2), junior Christina Conley (1000 run, 3:04.4), sophomore miler Casey Harrison (5:42.6) and sophomore high jumper Jess Forster (5'0").

Finishing second were sprinters Bizzy DiTroia (50 dash, 6.7) and freshman Melissa Knapp (300 dash, 41.6), Colleen Shannon (600 run, 1:40.2), Catherine Gross (1000 run, 3:09.9), miler Brianna Gross (6:02.2), sophomore two-miler Mary Burke (12:55.1), shot putter and senior Capt. Sarah Thompson (29'11") and high jumper Carolyn Dampousse (4'6").

Rounding out the scorers with a point each for third places were junior hurdler Tamar Brady (8.2), sophomore Kayley Pettoruto (300 dash, 42.2) and two-miler Danielle Huggins (13:19.7).

Senior Kerry Hill was one of four high jumpers, three from Lowell, who tied for third after clearing four feet with the same number of misses along the way.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Andover High girls varsity hoop squad continued to maul every opponent, rolling to a lopsided 68-34 win over Haverhill before dumping Salem in the Holiday Tournament.

Four of the Lady Warriors' six victories have come by margins of 31 points or more.

"We're playing so well it's really fun to watch," said head coach Jim Tildsley. "The girls are feeding off

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ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL (through 5 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Maggie Cosgrove	28	11	72
Meghan Thomann	22	5	63
Lauren Hughes	20	6	46
Laura Renfro	13	3	35
Amanda Fantini	13	5	31
Camille Fantini	7	1	16
Kelly O'Dea	6	2	15
Jen Merinder	6	2	14
Kasey O'Dea	5	0	11
Ilana Cohen	2	0	6
Sarah LoMedico	3	0	6
Sara Kelleher	2	0	4
Kelly Driscoll	1	0	2
Jordy Shoemaker	1	0	2

3-pointers: Meghan Thomann 14, Laura Renfro 6, Maggie Cosgrove 5, Ilana Cohen 2, Camille Fantini 1, Kasey O'Dea 1, Kelly O'Dea 1.

BOYS BASKETBALL (3 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Casey Cosgrove	22	3	52
Greg Vetrano	15	12	50
Bobby Hughes	13	0	26
Ian Dempsey	6	1	15
Tristan Shannon	5	4	14
Peter White	5	2	12
Chris Abreau	2	3	7
Tyler Carroll	1	2	4
Gordon Dubois	1	1	3
Max Ball	1	0	2
Sam Ball	0	2	2

3-pointers: Greg Vetrano 8, Casey Cosgrove 5, Ian Dempsey 2.

GIRLS HOCKEY (2 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Becky Cairns	3	2	5
Maria Nasta	2	2	4
Alison Burns	0	2	2
Samantha Monson	1	0	1
Katie Shields	1	0	1
Ally Brown	0	1	1
Becky Johnson	0	1	1
Tricia Martin	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: none
Shutouts: none

BOYS HOCKEY (2 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Matt Colby	1	7	8
A.J. Drivas	4	3	7
John Hyslip	3	2	5
Tucker Mullin	1	4	5
Joe Benedix	1	3	4
Phil Kim	2	1	3
Colin Brennan	1	1	2
Greg Carroll	1	1	2
Austin Gilbert	1	1	2
Mike LaMagna	1	1	2
Dan Godefroi	1	0	1
Andrew Gatti	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: A.J. Drivas 1.
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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS BASKETBALL

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each other and working relentlessly every minute of every game."

Schedule

The four-team Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament wraps up tonight at Salem, N.H. High.

The next MVC game is next Tuesday night at Lawrence (7:30 p.m.).

Likewise-undefeated Lowell High (5-0), ranked No. 1 in Eastern Massachusetts, hosts Andover in the first of two huge and highly-anticipated showdowns next Friday night (Jan. 6) at the Riddick Memorial Field House.

Courtney Schermerhorn, Ashley Rivera and Kelly Rogers are top returning players for the veteran Lowell crew, which split with Andover last year.

The rematch is set for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5 at the Dunn Gym (1:30 p.m. varsity tipoff).

Pallotta honored

At the Haverhill game, injured senior guard and Capt. Emily Pallotta was honored for her recent selection as an Academic All-American by the National Soccer Coaches of America (NSCA).

Andover 68

Haverhill 34

The Lady Warriors continued to steamroll opponents, combining all the elements of good basketball into one seemingly unstoppable package.

Ten girls contributed to the scoring and the level of play didn't waver when the reserves came off the bench and immediately took charge.

"Everyone contributed," said Tildsley. "We played up-tempo and forced 22 turnovers."

With five minutes left in the first half, Maggie Cosgrove fed Jen Merinder for a

pretty fast-break lay-up and Meghan Thomann hit Camille Fantini for another easy bucket as AHS opened up a commanding 23-8 lead.

It was 33-15 at the break and a traditional three-point play (basket, free throw) by Capt. Kelly O'Dea six minutes into the second half capped a 13-0 Andover run to make it 46-17.

"Maggie (Cosgrove) controls the game," said Tildsley. "She is so quick and athletic. I haven't seen a better point-guard in the area."

"Camille Fantini is playing aggressive basketball — and Jen Merinder continues to come off the bench and control the boards."

Backcourt partners Cosgrove and Thomann led the balanced attack with 13 points each, the former adding four assists, two steals and the latter four rebounds, three assists, two steals.

Laura Renfro tossed in nine points to go with three steals and two assists, while Camille Fantini also had nine points and five steals.

Kasey O'Dea delivered seven points, three boards, two assists and in just 16 minutes Lauren Hughes produced 12 rebounds, six points, three assists, two steals.

Amanda Fantini's performance was symmetrical with four points, four rebounds and four assists, while Kelly O'Dea had three points, four assists and two steals.

Merinder snagged seven rebounds and solo baskets were provided by Sarah LoMedico and Sara Kelleher.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Sophomore Pete Saunders was a double individual winner, and the Andover High boys swim and dive team placed first in 11 of 12 events while sweeping nine on the way to a 91-84 victory over Lowell in the Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet opener for both teams at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

"There was a lot of improvement all around from the opening meet against Burlington," said AHS head coach Mark

Taffe. "There were many solid performances and outstanding times for this early in the season."

Schedule

Andover (2-0, 1-0 MVC) competes in the inaugural Haverhill Christmas Classic Jam-boree today (Thursday) at the White Natatorium (noon start).

The next dual meet is Friday, Jan. 6 at non-league Belmont, and the following day the locals host MVC rival Central Catholic at Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech (both meets 3:30 p.m.).

Andover 91

Lowell 84

Saunders touched first in the 50 free sprint (24.40) and 100 butterfly (59.09), posting a sectional-cut time in the former race and a state-cut clocking in the latter.

Other state-cut performances came from freshman Nick D'Innocenzo, with a winning 1:53.46 in the 200 free, and sophomore Christian Bishop who touched first in the 100 backstroke in 1:00.40.

Freshman Mike Bakies also knocked an impressive 35 seconds off his previous best swim in the 500 free, capturing that arduous race in 6:05.32. Other individual victors were junior Dave Espindle in the 200 IM (2:22.25) and sophomore Zach Hamer in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.30).

Andover placed 1-2 in all three relays, starting with the 200 medley where Espindle, freshman Yabo Liu, Hamer and freshman Devon Mullen were first (2:02.50).

The victorious 200 free relay included the all-senior quartet of Pat Delacoste, Capt. Justin Ferguson, Capt. Mike Stewart and Rob Medaglio.

Touching first in the 400 free relay was the foursome of Mullen, freshman Craig Schwarz, D'Innocenzo and Hamer (4:04.98).

Second in the 200 medley went to junior Kevin O'Donnell, sophomore Andrew Janetti, Bishop and freshman Albert Park (2:03.59).

Sophomores Mike Geraci, Tim Russell

LIGHTING STRUCK



The Andover Lightning U14 Girls were undefeated 4-0 in the Winchester Veterans Day Tournament last month. Pictured first row: Samantha Arnold, Becca Puntoni, and Alexandra Alois. Second row: Coach Carol Arnold, MaryAnn O'Connell, Danielle Lauretano, Rebecca Marton, Andrea Manning, Danielle Landy, Kate Kearns, and Julia Kasparian. Third row: Coach Tom Timmins, Caroline Dykstra, Sandra Levis, Annie Arzen, Kelsey Perkins, Kaleigh Timmins, and Coach Arthur Lauretano.

and Luke Delissio joined Liu on the runner-up 200 free squad (1:53.40), and second in the 400 free relay went to Park, Bakies, Saunders and O'Donnell (4:07.15).

Divers shine

AHS grabbed three of the top four places in the one-meter diving, senior Joe Savoca tops with 144.35 points, freshman Steve Moore third (138.85) and freshman Peter Wakeling fourth (135.10).

Contributing seconds were Delacoste (200 free, 2:09.72), Li (200 IM, 2:22.51), Delissio (50 free, 25.60), Medaglio (100 fly,

1:02.10), sophomore Tom Demers (500 free, 6:17.65), O'Donnell (100 back, 1:04.70) and Russell (100 breast, 1:12.33).

Completing sweeps with thirds were Liu, in both the 200 IM (2:29.15) and 100 breast (1:20.25), Ferguson (200 free, 2:09.72), Mullen (50 free, 27.10), Janetti (100 fly, 1:13.62) and Moore (500 free, 6:34.81).

Stewart finished third (1:00.10), Park fourth (1:00.99) and Schwarz sixth (1:10.30) in the 100 free.

Freshman Adam Kleger placed fourth in the 100 backstroke.

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SPORTSTALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Kaitlin Hill of Andover, a senior at Amherst College, was a four-year starter and standout on defense for the Jeffs women's soccer team.

Last month Hill was named *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District 1 for NCAA Division 2-3 college soccer teams.

As a first-team selection, Hill was automatically placed on the national ballot for Academic All-America consideration.

She was also a top midfielder/defender and team captain on the 2001 Andover High girls soccer team — after missing her junior season with an ACL (knee) injury.

Hill helped the Lady Warriors to a 16-win season and the Division 1 North title, following tournament victories over Medford (4-0), Chelmsford (3-1), Lincoln-Sudbury (4-3) and Newton North (1-0, overtime).

AHS, which lost three of its last four regular season games before catching fire in the tournament, then dropped a 1-0 decision to undefeated Notre Dame Academy of Hingham in the state semi-



Andover's Kaitlin Hill was named by *ESPN the Magazine* to its Academic All-District 1 team for NCAA Division 2 and 3 soccer.

finals despite a solid performance by Hill.

She also played midfield as a sophomore, scoring two goals and passing out nine assists, when Andover finished the regular season undefeated (19-0-1) and went 20-1-1 overall.

Stephanie Sweeney of

Andover was a sophomore defender on the Bentley College field hockey team this past fall.

The Falcons, who finished 16-6, earned a berth in the NCAA Division 2 Championships where they lost to Stonehill in a bid to advance to the national semifinals in Shippensburg, Pa.

At the NCAA finals in Penn-

sylvania, Stonehill lost to UMass Lowell in the semifinals and UML defeated Bloomsburg State in the national title game.

Elissa Slovin of Andover, a first-year goalie on the Babson College field hockey team, enjoyed an outstanding rookie campaign with five solo shutouts, an .829 save percentage and 1.12 goals-against average while starting every game in net.

Following a highly-successful season that included an 18-5 record and a trip to the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference Tournament final, Babson received an at-large bid to the 2005 NCAA Division 3 Championship Tournament.

It was the first national berth in program history and came on the heels of the most successful season in the 23-year history of Babson field hockey.

The club tied the school record for wins (18) and winning percentage (.783), while setting a new mark for goals scored (82) on the way to a first-ever NEWMAC regular season title.

Babson was ranked 16th in the country in the Coaches Division 3 poll (second highest ever).

Babson defeated Springfield for the first time ever during the regular season, before bowing to The Pride, 2-1 in overtime, in the conference tournament finals.

While at Andover High, 2005 graduate Slovin was a record-setting field hockey goalie who posted 26 solo and nine shared

shutouts in three years.

She had six solo shutouts and shared four others as a senior in the fall of 2004, registered 11 solo and two shared shutouts in 2003 and had nine solo and three shared shutouts as a sophomore in 2002.

Christiana Kuipers of Andover is a senior member of the Wheaton College women's swim and dive team.

Kuipers specializes in the butterfly, backstroke and freestyle for the Lyons, who went 10-4 in dual meets last year and hope to challenge for the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference championship this winter.

Sean Smith of Andover, a junior safety on the Bentley Col-

lege football team, sparked the Falcons' defense with a collegiate career high two interceptions and one fumble recovery in a lopsided 49-7 Northeast-10 Conference Homecoming Game romp over St. Anselm College of Manchester, N.H. this past fall.

Smith's recovery of a fumbled punt set up the first score for NE-10 power Bentley, 7-2 in conference play and 7-3 overall, and one pick came at the Falcons' three yard line as St. A's was driving for a tying touchdown in the second quarter.

That performance earned Smith Northeast-10 and ECAC Division 2 Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Another Smith interception set up the first Falcons' TD in a 27-14 loss to host Bryant University.

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Anna Rose
Lucarini

Anna Rose Lucarini celebrated her first birthday Dec. 22. She is the daughter of Eleanor and Vincent Lucarini of North Andover, formerly of Andover. Anna's grandparents are Robert and Barbara Verrico of North Reading, and Josephine and Vincent Lucarini of Pleasant Valley, N.Y. Anna especially loves being chased by her big brother, Nicolas, 3. She enjoys cuddling her pink puppy, riding her toy horse, swinging and pushing herself down her slide. She is a beautiful, bright-eyed, happy little girl who is loved and adored by her family.



Peter Andrew
Haesy

Peter Andrew Haesy celebrated his first birthday Dec. 26. He is the son of Paul and Andrea (Georgian) Haesy of Topsham, Maine. Grandparents are Ted and Colleen Georgian of Andover, and Paul and Geri Haesy of Duxbury. Great-grandmother's are Ethel Bosen of Portsmouth, N.H., and Edwina of Revere. His sister's Emma, 5, and Tess, 3 enjoy making him laugh. He loves to explore new things and play with his toys.



Macy Sadara
Peckham

Macy Sadara Peckham turned 1 on Dec. 9. She loves to crab-crawl around, chasing her older brothers, Dillon and Tanner. She loves music and dancing like her Grandma Shirley. She's a social butterfly like Grammy Sadara. Like Papa Sadara, she's also developing an appreciation for art — but by munching on crayons. She loves to strike a pose for Papa Spencer's camera. "Mommy and Daddy are so grateful for her and for her completing our family."



Natasha Metist
Bertetti

Natasha Metist Bertetti celebrated her first birthday Dec. 13. She is the daughter of Stephen and Chuleekom Bertetti of Alexandria, Va. Grandparents are Sandy and David Bertetti of Andover, and Stephen and Somphit Urban of Moreno Valley, Calif. Natasha has a 97 year old great-grandmother, Mary Bertetti of Andover. She loves walking, Thai dancing, her play group and learning a few Thai words. She is a very happy baby, always smiling.



Spencer Wesley
Shwetz

Spencer Wesley Shwetz celebrated his first birthday Dec. 17. He is the son of Mark and Christy Shwetz of Pasadena, Md. Grandparents are Carole and Ron Shwetz of Methuen, formerly of Andover; and Jeannette and James Pearce of Lenthicum, Md. He is the great-grandson of Irene Shwetz of Andover, and Arthur Tolson of Lenthicum. Spencer loves to visit his three cousins in Georgetown.



Logan
Pickard

Logan Pickard celebrated his first birthday Dec. 7. He is the son of Eliza and Spencer Pickard of Shelburne, Vt. Grandparents are Joan Johnson of Andover, and Margo and Ben Tilghman of Centerville, Md. His brother Derek, 3, loves making him laugh. They especially enjoy playing trucks and cars together. Logan has an easygoing nature and a terrific smile.

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Ella R.
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Ella R. Waszkelewicz celebrated her first birthday Dec. 10. Her parents are Mark and Tracey Waszkelewicz of Tiffany Lane. Her favorite time of the day is mealtime, when she can be heard loudly enjoying her food. She loves saying "Hi" to people while out shopping, and is very generous giving kisses to her friends. She can frequently be found sucking her thumb.



Jackson
Mergendahl

Happy Birthday to Jackson Mergendahl of Andover, who celebrated his first birthday Dec. 16. His parents are Christine and Bill Mergendahl, and his big brother is Benjamin.



Hannah Whitney
Pogoda

Hannah Whitney Pogoda celebrated her first birthday Dec. 1. She is the daughter of Kelly (Feeley) and Steve Pogoda of Boston. Grandparents are Tom and Joan Feeley of Andover, and Joyce Pogoda of Albany, N.Y. Hannah is the great-granddaughter of Mollie Lipschitz of Albany, N.Y.



Zoe Ann
Ritchie

Zoe Ann Ritchie celebrated her first birthday Dec. 6. She is the daughter of Brian and Donna Ritchie of Summer Street. Her grandparents are Bob and Linda Ritchie of Chelmsford, and Jake Sartz of Georgetown. Zoe enjoys dancing, peek-a-boo and chasing after her big brother, R.J.

'The Plant Lady' offers indoor tips to Andover Garden Jan. 10

The Andover Garden Club announced that Kathleen D'Angelo, an award-winning indoor landscape consultant from Reading who is known as the Plant Lady, will be the presenter at its January meeting. This horticulture program will be open to the public.

D'Angelo's presentation will cover such topics as mixing soils, selecting pot sizes, repotting, taking cuttings, planting cuttings, fertilizing and watering. She will also discuss how to select the correct plant for a specific location, and how to identify and deal with various plant pests. The presentation will be illustrated with a selection of live plants, and attendees will receive a hand-out. The program will conclude with a Q&A session.

The meeting will be held at West Parish Church at Route 133 and Reservation Road in Andover on Tuesday, Jan. 10. It will begin at 10 a.m., and run for approximately two hours. The nonmember admission fee of \$5 includes coffee, tea and refreshments. (Please note that the meeting will not be held if Andover public schools are closed due to inclement weather.)

The Andover Garden Club is in its 78th year.

About the Plant Lady

Kathleen M. D'Angelo is a past member of the New England Interior Landscape Association and also past president of the Reading Garden Club. She became a garden club member in 1978 and says she enjoys it to this day. She has won the Exxon Award for Civic Beautification, the Sears Silver Bowl for Civic Beautification, and a number of awards at the New England Spring Flower Show.

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Townspeople



Ross Trainor, home from college on winter break, shoveled snow into a 5 by 20 by 30 foot long snow ramp in front of his parents' home at 3 Teaberry Lane. At right, Trainor and Sam Brewer snowboard on the ramp.



HALL OF FAME

Heading into the hall

Meet more of the inductees heading into the Punchard/Andover High School Hall of Fame

A NEW CLASS OF INDUCTEES will assemble at Andover Country Club on Friday night, Jan. 20 for the Punchard/Andover High School Hall of Fame Banquet.

Fourteen individuals and three football teams, spanning the years from 1946 through 1998, will be enshrined during the course of the evening program, which begins at 6.

The honorees, in alphabetical order with year of graduation in parentheses where applicable, are Susan Ashlock (1996), long-time football/track coach Dick Collins, Lee Dziadosz-Metzger (1989), Chris Eggert (1990), Amy Heseltine (1992), Justin Hesenius (1993), Stacey Lavoie (1994), Joe Marinaro (1991), Charlotte Muller (1998), Sarah Muller (1998), Tim Perry (1986), Robert W. Phinney (1946), Jerry Stabile (1977) and Richard Swift. Also entering The Hall will be members of Andover's 1973 through 1975 football teams.

Biographical sketches of Ashlock, Collins, Dziadosz-Metzger and Eggert were published last week. Continuing this week, bios of more of the inductees are provided, with information provided by various sources including the honoree, family, friends and the AHS athletic department headed by co-athletic directors Dave Nichols and Brian McNally.

The new class of 2006 joins an existing group of 97 individual Andover Athletic Hall of Famers and two other teams, the state champion 1949 and 1970 boys basketball squads.

Tickets for the event, which went on sale earlier this month and can be purchased until Jan. 12, are \$40 each. For more ticket information contact the Andover High School Athletic Office, located at AHS between the Dunn Gym and Field House, or call the office at 978-623-8670.

AMY HESELTINE

Alpine Skiing/Soccer

Class of 1992

Heseltine was a girls soccer and track standout and arguably the best alpine skier in AHS history.

She received the Eugene V. Lovely Award as the Top Female Athlete at AHS for the 1991-92 school year.

The four-time North Shore Ski League All-Star (1989-92) was undefeated in league races as a junior and senior, going 20-0.

The highlight of her career on the slopes came in 1991 when Heseltine was the Massachusetts state champ in the giant slalom after posting the fastest time in that race at Berkshire East in Charlemont. She also placed fifth in the slalom.

A four-time Massachusetts State All-Select Team member (1989-92), she qualified for the Junior Olympic Downhill giant slalom and slalom team in 1990 and 1991.

Heseltine was chosen to attend downhill training camp with the Olympic coaching staff.

She was the Nashoba Valley Tri-State racing team MVP, a four-time *Eagle Tribune* All-Star and the newspaper's Female Athlete of the Year in skiing in 1992.

In soccer, Heseltine was first-team All-Conference, first-team All-State, Eastern Mass. MVP, first-team *Eagle Tribune* All-Star and All-Scholastic in 1990 and 1991.

She was Lady Warriors team MVP in 1990 and 1991, team captain as a senior and winner of the Hardock Leadership Award in 1991.

At Providence College, health management major Heseltine was a Big East Conference Academic All-Star four straight years.

In women's soccer for the Friars, she was named to the All-Big East, All-Northeast, All-New England Division 1 and Coaches All-American teams at various times.



Amy Heseltine

Heseltine started and played every Providence game for four years, establishing a PC school record for most minutes played in a career.

She was an integral member of the Friars' 1993 Big East championship team, a captain as a senior in 1996 and ranks among the school's all-time single-game goal and points-scoring leaders.

After college, Heseltine was an assistant soccer coach at Merrimack College for three years and helped direct the Warriors' 1996 squad to the NCAA Division 2 New England Region Final Four.

She played for the Opus County Division 1 Soccer Club of Boston, competing in two national title games and earning All-Tournament Team honors twice.

In 1997, Heseltine was selected to play for the Boston Renegades, who were members of the first women's professional soccer league in the United States.

A team captain for four years, she helped the Renegades win a pair of regional titles and was an All-Tournament choice two straight years.

Heseltine was invited to a tryout for the Boston Breakers in 2000.

She still plays both indoor and outdoor soccer for Opus County, and helps coach a team of 8-9 year old girls in the Andover Youth Soccer League.

She is employed by Aetna Insurance Group as an account manager.

JUSTIN HESENIUS

Baseball

Class of 1993

Hesenius, arguably the best right-handed pitcher in AHS baseball history, was a mainstay on the staff of the back-to-back State Division 1 championship teams in 1991 and 1992.

He graduated with 27 career pitching wins for the Golden Warriors, striking out 269 batters in 195 2/3 innings which are all school records.

Hard-thrower Hesenius posted a 1.36 ERA in 1991 and a near-identical 1.35 mark as a senior in 1993.

His pitching heroics tended to overshadow his exploits as a hitter and outfielder. In 1992 Hesenius, who smashed 11 career triples, batted .436 with 34 RBI.

He had a muscular .710 slugging percentage in 1993, hitting .391 with 25 RBI as he captured team MVP honors. He was also flawless defensively in right field.

He was a two-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference and *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic in 1992 and 1993, a *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic in 1993.

In that highly-decorated senior year, Hesenius grabbed regional and national accolades as Eastern Mass. Division 1 Player of the Year, Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year, Mizuno All-American and National High School All-American.

Hesenius continued on to a fine four-year pitching career at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.



Justin Hesenius

STACEY LAVOIE

Indoor/Outdoor Track

Class of 1994

The most decorated girls hurdler in Andover High track & field annals.

During the 1992 indoor track season, junior standout Lavoie went undefeated in dual meets and gave notice of things to come by winning the 60 yard hurdles event at the State Class B Meet.

In 1993 she duplicated that feat, and went on to place third in the All-State Meet, first in the New England Championship Meet and third at the United States Eastern Regional Meet.

At the 1993 State Class B Meet outdoors, Lavoie was a double winner and scored in three events with an individual victory in the 100 yard high hurdles, third in the triple jump and another gold medal as a member of the winning 4x100 sprint relay.

She went on to finish second in the 100 hurdles at the All-State Meet before winning that event at the



Stacey Lavoie

New England Championships.

She was named *Boston Globe* and *Eagle Tribune* All-Scholastic in 1993, and her 14.5-second time in the 100 yard hurdles set an AHS school record.

Lavoie earned a partial athletic scholarship to run track at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

She currently resides in Boston.

CHARLOTTE MULLER

Basketball/Soccer/Track

Class of 1998

The all-time scoring leader in AHS girls basketball history, the four-year varsity standout at shooting guard finished her career with exactly 1,600 career points including 432 as a senior, 464 as a junior, 404 as a sophomore and 300 as a freshman.

The honor roll student buried 204 career threes, including eight in a game four times, and passed out 400 assists.

Charlotte, half of the devastating twin sister combo, averaged 18.1 points per game as a senior.

Muller, who was a standout soccer player and track performer as well, was selected Merrimack Valley All-Conference in hoop all four years and league Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior.

The four-time Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament All-Star choice was MVP of that tourney as a sophomore and junior.

She was a *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic as a junior, and made that newspaper's Super Team as a senior. The *Boston Herald* named her to its All-Scholastic and Dream Team as a junior and senior.

Prestigious publication Street & Smith tabbed Muller an honorable mention All-American in 1997.

She was four-time *Eagle-Tribune* All-Star and area Player of the Year as a junior.

On the soccer field, Muller anchored the defense as a sweeper during her three-year varsity career that brought her Merrimack Valley All-Conference and All-Star recognition.

Andover girls hoop went 79-13 in her four years, winning two MVC titles, three Christmas Tournament championships, two Division 1 North crowns, one Eastern Mass. title and reaching the State Division 1 title game in 1997-98 before bowing to Minnechaug Regional of Wilbraham.

AHS was 24-1 her junior year, 23-2 her senior year and put together a carryover 42-game regular season win streak.

Muller played Division 1 college basketball at Lehigh University.



Charlotte Muller

SARAH MULLER

Basketball/Soccer/Track

Class of 1998

The second half of the devastating twin sister combo, Sarah was a four-year varsity standout at point-guard.

The amazingly-consistent honor roll student graduated with 870 career points, including 212 as a freshman, 214 as a sophomore, 221 as a junior and 223 as a senior.

She nailed 124 career threes and is the all-time career girls basketball leader in assists with 660.

As a senior she averaged 9.2 points and 7.2 assists to account for almost 24 points per game.

Sarah was a three-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference or All-Star, three-time Christmas Tournament All-Star and Christmas Tournament MVP her senior year.

She captured *Eagle Tribune* All-Star honors as a junior and senior.

On the soccer field, Sarah was a three-year varsity starter at forward.

Muller led the team in scoring as a senior, with 13 goals and four assists, and finished her varsity career with 26 goals, 14 assists for 40 points.

She was MVC All-Conference/All-Star three times, team Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior and an *Eagle Tribune* All-Star her last two seasons.

She made Eastern Mass. Division 1 All-Star as a senior.

Sarah, like Charlotte, also ran varsity track for two years.

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Sarah Muller

WHAT: Punchard/Andover High Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 20.

TIME: 6 p.m.

WHERE: Andover Country Club.

TICKETS: \$40 each, on sale now through Jan. 12.

INDUCTEES: Susan Ashlock, Dick Collins, Lee Dziadosz-Metzger, Chris Eggert, Amy Heseltine, Justin Hesenius, Stacey Lavoie, Joe Marinaro, Charlotte Muller, Sarah Muller, Tim Perry, Robert Phinney, Jerry Stabile, Dick Swift, 1973-75 Super Bowl Football Teams.

MORE INFO: AHS Athletic Office, adjacent to Dunn Gym. Call 978-623-8670.

Photos of the inductees are welcome and may be submitted to assistant editor Jack Grady, Andover Townsman, 33 Chestnut St.,

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call the senior center at 978-623-8321 for further information about any classes, programs or services.

Winter Reminder: If you're in doubt about possible weather-related cancellations, call our information line for a recorded message about the day's events at 978-623-8377. For all other questions, call our main number at 978-623-8321.

Exercise Classes: The winter semester of exercise class is just getting underway and will run through Feb. 24. Classes are being offered in Tai Chi, women's strength training, low-impact aerobics, modified beginner and intermediate yoga, men's exercise, beginner and intermediate tap dancing, cardio circuit training, easy exercise and water workout. Drop by the center for more specific information on days, times and cost.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will take place Monday, Jan. 9 when we will show the recent release *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Feel the power of friendship in this warm-hearted film based on the best selling novel by Ann Brashares.

Massage Therapy: A licensed massage therapist is on-site at the center Monday mornings by appointment, offering seated, upper-body massages. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Call the center if you would like to try out this great stress reliever.

Cardio Circuit Training For Women: Geared for most fitness levels, this workout is based on the use of 10 different machines. Cost is \$45 for unlimited use and no membership fee is required. This special offer is through the senior center only, and complimentary passes are available at the center for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity.

Bridge Group: Our Thursday afternoon bridge group welcomes newcomers to join them at any time. The game begins at 1 p.m. Reservations are not necessary; just come down and join in.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it volunteers will be back at the center again Monday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. They will be happy to take a look at any small item or appliance in need of repair. Your cost is \$2 plus any necessary parts.

Amesbury Playhouse Scottish Celebration: We have a few spaces remaining for our Jan. 22 trip to the Amesbury Playhouse. Enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment featuring bagpipes, sword dancers, fiddlers, etc. For dinner we'll enjoy a choice of steak, seafood or chicken, in addition to traditional Scottish fare. Cost is \$45, which includes dinner, entertainment and bus transportation from the center.

Beginner's Computer Class: If your new year's resolution is to learn to use the computer, then sign up for our beginner's class, to be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31. This course is for the beginner with little or no knowledge about computers, who needs to learn the basics. Cost is \$30; spaces are limited.

Book Club: Our afternoon book club will resume Thursday, Jan. 5 at 1 p.m. Discussion will be on *The Amateur Marriage* by Ann Tyler. Copies of the book are available at the center approximately two

weeks prior to each discussion. Newcomers are welcome to this group at any time.

Calligraphy Workshop: There are two sessions, Wednesday, Jan. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Surprise your family and friends by learning how to address your envelopes, invitations, announcements and special gifts in a beautiful script. Bring a small poem or saying to "letter" to the second class. Pre-registration is necessary.

Journal Writing For Healing: This six-week class will focus on writing to relieve stress or come to terms with a life event. It will be held at Dragonfly: Art With Wings in North Andover. The cost is \$10 per class, but those registering through the senior center will receive a 50 percent discount. Class begins Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

Hearty But Healthy Winter Cooking: Instructor Terry Bargar, FOOD FOR THOUGHT columnist for the *Andover Townsman*, will be here for a four-week course on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 2 p.m. Bargar will cook and share recipes for her French onion soup, classic roasted chicken, Creme Brulee French Toast, and her Holy Molé chicken chili. Of course, everyone gets to sample. Cost is \$20, and pre-registration is necessary.

Chinese New Year Celebration: Tickets are now available for our Chinese New Year celebration, which will take place Monday, Jan. 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$5, which includes entertainment and dinner. Come help us usher in the Year of the Dog.

Men's Breakfast: Our next men's get-together will take place Friday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m. *The British Soldier in the American Revolution* will be this month's program. Guy Morin will appear as a fully uniformed and equipped soldier of King George III and will discuss the clothing, equipment, weapons and tactics of the period. There will also be the opportunity to view many of the items carried and used by soldiers in the 18th century. Cost is \$3 and reservations may be made by calling the center.

Outdoor Adventures For Women: Anyone who is not currently on the mailing list, but would like to be notified about cross-country skiing or winter hiking may call the center and leave their contact information with Pat.

Alzheimer's Support Group: The next meeting of the Alzheimer's caregivers support group will be Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the senior center. This is an open group and all are welcome. Call Kristine Arakelian at 978-623-8321 to confirm attendance.

Free Picture IDs For Seniors: Free picture IDs for seniors will be available at our Triad Bylaw Signing on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity is asked to call the center to register prior to the event.

Parkinson's Support Group: The next meeting of the Parkinson's Support Group will take place Thursday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Thomas Boudrow, outreach manager with Verizon, will explain about services for individuals with disabilities who may be in need of free adaptive equipment. For further information about the meeting, contact Kristine Arakelian at the senior center.

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Suchecki-Sullivan

Alison P. Sullivan and Michael P. Suchecki were married Oct. 8, with the Rev. Stephen Marcoux III of Resurrection Parish, Nashua, N.H. officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sandra Sullivan of Tewksbury and Patrick Sullivan of Lowell. She is a graduate of BMHS and is employed as a full time child care provider.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Suchecki of Billerica. He is a graduate of University of Mass Lowell and is a civil engineer at HNTB in Burlington.

After a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple live in Nashua, N.H.



Alison and Michael Suchecki

DiFilippo-Fortin

Judith Palumbo of Early Branch, S.C. and Joseph and Natalie DiFilippo of Waltham announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Joanne DiFilippo of Bradford, to Jonathan Paul Fortin, also of Bradford. He is the son of Rosemary and Lee Stanley of Andover, and Andrew and Gail Fortin of West Newbury.

Ms. DiFilippo is a graduate of Tewksbury High School and Middlesex Community College. She is a legal assistant for Attorney Scott J. Consaul, LLC.

Mr. Fortin is a graduate of Andover High School and is employed at AK Thomas Co.

The couple plan a May wedding.



Jonathan Fortin and Laura DiFilippo

Bennett-Trombly

McLain Erin Trombly and Gregory R. Bennett were married Nov. 12 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, North Andover with the Rev. Alexander Daley officiating. A reception followed at the Andover Country Club.

Katherine Lounsbury was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Stephanie Barbagallo, Jill Bennett, Carolyn Fay, Melissa Gorski, Carol Levenson, Ashley Nelson and Patricia Underwood. Junior bridesmaids were Alice McLain, Phoebe Palmer.

Todd Bennett was best man. Users were Jeremy Barbagallo, James Beezer, Douglas Bick, Patrick Callison, John Kubic, Randall Miller and Michael Trombly Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of North Andover. She is a graduate of North Andover High School and Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn. She is a office solutions specialist for Xerox Corporation in Tarrytown, N.Y.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett of Orleans. He is a graduate of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham and the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Conn. He is an attorney for Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman and Dicker LLP in Stamford, Conn.

After a honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple live in White Plains, N.Y.



McLain and Gregory Bennett

Tyler-Zani

Amanda Tyler and Christopher Zani of Charlestown announce their engagement. They plan to marry Aug. 25 at The Commons in Topsfield.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sharon Tyler of Andover and Wyman Tyler of Cranston, R.I. Amanda is a 1997 graduate of Andover High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Providence College in 2001, and is currently working on her master's degree in interior design from the New England School of Art and Design.

The groom-to-be is the son of Richard and Letitia Zani of Burlington. Chris is a 1997 graduate of Burlington High School. He received his Bachelor's degree in Management and Finance from Providence College in 2001. Chris is currently a Large Cap Portfolio Manager for State Street Global Advisors, and is working on both his CFA and FRM designations.



Christopher Zani and Amanda Tyler

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman Andres E. Chaparro-Garcia graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Chaparro-Garcia earned distinction as an honor graduate.

The airman, a 2002 graduate of Everett High School, is the son of Claudia Blanco of Dale Street in Andover.

Andover resident Shane P. Gibson completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., on Nov. 4. He returned home for two weeks before reporting for duty at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Navy Seaman Franco D. Taffurelli, son of Sara F. Buttice of Andover, Mass., and his fellow shipmates returned from a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Kauffman homeported in Norfolk, Va.

USS Kauffman conducted maritime security operations while assigned to the Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group. The frigate, as part of a coalition effort, assisted with the seizure of more than 4,200 pounds of hashish.

Taffurelli's unit also took part in a bilateral joint exercise between the United States and Pakistan navies.

Taffurelli, a 2003 graduate of North Andover High School, joined the Navy in February 2004.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph I. Aree, son of Monserrate Aree of Andover and Joseph I. Aree of Philadelphia, Pa., reported for duty aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, home-ported in San Diego.

Aree, a 1990 graduate of Lawrence High School, joined the Navy in September 1990.



Andres E. Chaparro-Garcia



Shane P. Gibson



Jeffrey Rocha and Heather Hadley

Hadley-Rocha

Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Hadley of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Ann Hadley of Marlboro, to Jeffrey Carson Rocha, also of Marlboro, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rocha of Attleboro.

The bride received a bachelor of science degree in communication management from Emerson College and a master's degree in corporate public relations from Boston University. She is a marketing director for Classic Tuxedo.

The groom received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Bryant College. He is a CFO for Nation's Heritage Federal Credit Union.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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traditional candle-lighting ceremony on Wednesday evening in Old Town Hall.

The Phillips Academy handbell choir appeared on *Good Morning America* on Friday when the show came to Boston for a day to film in Faneuil Hall. The camera shot a close-up of the choir, led by Carolyn Skelton of Andover, as they performed *Carol of the Bells*.

A historical television documentary, titled *Andover: A classic New England town* was created by resident Renee Sanft for Andover's 350th anniversary celebration. The film portrays the town's heritage, beginning with its Native American inhabitants, and continuing into the 21st century. It will be available by mid-month on home video from the Andover Historical Society.

After 13 years in the maternity clothing business, Dorothy Gulezian announced that she will close her Anticipation Maternity Boutique on 38 Main St. and retire.

The Merrimack Valley Bird Club is conducting the sixth annual Andover Christmas Bird Count on Saturday. In last year's count, 40 participants sighted more than 20,000 birds of 54 species, the largest number of birds in the four-year history of the count.

At least 32 persons were injured, including 24 mill workers, in a huge fire at Malden

Mills on Monday night. The general fire alarm started with the explosion in a boiler in one of the buildings at about 8 p.m. The fire quickly spread through the building, then to other buildings, ultimately destroying three main buildings comprised of about nine structures. A fourth main building, which is known as the New Building, was also damaged by the fire.

A group of 50 Andover residents will bring Pepperland, the Sea of Holes and Jeremy Hilary Boob Phud (Ph.D.) to life on New Year's Eve when they take part in Boston's First Night parade with a homebuilt version of The Beatle's Yellow Submarine. The submarine, 12 feet long and 6 feet high, is constructed with plywood decks, particle-board walls, and wooden ribs covered with a skin of cardboard and paper maché. The one-thousand pound mass took six families two years to build.

The Andover Council on Aging has been awarded a service incentive grant of \$2,000 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. State Sen. John O'Brien's office said the seniors would be able to use the grant to expand the services they offer at the senior center.

Andover's police officers have gone to arbitration to secure labor contracts. They blame Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, for failure to reach an agreement. Mr. Stapczynski denied this charge.

A committee was selected at

Andover High School to select a new mascot. The School Committee wants the logo committee to select an inanimate object to replace the Native American on the Andover High logo. Andover High sports teams will retain the name Golden Warrior and the school's gold and blue colors.

The biggest storm of the season is expected to hit town on Wednesday. Andover's highway maintenance department was busy making sand and salt piles and checking their equipment.

Brigham & Women's Hospital said Tuesday that Brian Beasley, the Andover man injured in the Malden Mills fire last Monday, has improved significantly. His status has jumped two steps from critical to fair condition. In addition, everyone who was evacuated from his or her house was back by last weekend. In the interim, while hundreds were displaced, volunteers delivered 1,000 meals and worked about 2,500 hours.

Petro's Seafood Market and Café on Post Office Avenue will close by Jan. 1. The restaurant was open for nine years.

The Andover Youth Council will sponsor and present a Holiday Java Jam tomorrow night in Old Town Hall. Local talents will be highlighted, and donations to Lazarus House will be accepted at the door.

Compiled by What's Up contributor Courtney Fiske.

Arsenic levels monitored

■ LANDFILL TESTS

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have been found nearby in the past, arsenic is currently the state's main concern for this project, Kerrigan said.

"Having arsenic released from a landfill isn't unusual," Kerrigan said. Chemically, arsenic and other heavy metals bond with low-oxygen water, like that found in closed landfills. When that water leaves the landfill and becomes oxygenated, the arsenic settles out into the sediment, Kerrigan said.

"And that's where it should be," Petkus said. "[Arsenic] is in the water supply, but as far as we can tell it isn't detectable [in the surface water] about 500 feet from the landfill."

The current drinking water standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion and to date they have never found measurable levels in Haggetts Pond, the town's reservoir, he said.

The Conservation Commission has hired environmental consultants to make suggestions about wetlands and hydrology, according to Bob Douglas of the Conservation Commission.

"The Commission is putting a lot of time into this to make sure it gets done right the first time," Douglas said. "Other towns have suffered during the process, with whole landfills washing away, causing lots of problems."

Final approval will come from the DEP, but the plan is subject to both a public review process run by the Conservation Commission and a Public Information Process (PIP) before the plan can be implemented.

The Conservation Commission's next public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 24 at 8:15 p.m. on the third floor of the town hall and the public is welcome.

PIP is a legal provision for mandatory public disclosure of reports and plans, according to Kerrigan. It is available to concerned citizens who want more information from the town than they feel they are getting. Resident Tom Brady and

other landfill abutters demanded a PIP this fall.

Brady fears that the town is intentionally applying less stringent regulations based on a "false premise."

"They are trying to use the solid-waste card here, rather than the clean water [regulations]," he said. "The town is looking for a careful reading [from CDM], a manipulation of what regulations apply to the landfill."

Kerrigan maintains that the DEP has one standard for all projects. "And that is no significant risk to public health, welfare and the environment," he said.

The DEP has years of experience dealing with landfills, said Petkus, and it believes the standard is appropriate.

Because of Brady's action, the town will be establishing two information repositories as the planning process proceeds, according to Petkus. He expressed irritation at what he sees as unnecessary steps.

"PIP makes the process more expensive," he said. "All of the information we have is public, but there is always somebody who feels they aren't getting everything. Now we have to put it all in presentation format."

The information repositories will be located in the library and the town clerk's office and will include the most recently updated information about the process. Citizens can put comments or questions in writing and expect a written response from the town, said Petkus. The DEP will have the final say about the validity of the concerns raised.

The site for the proposed youth center is not likely to be affected by the arsenic, according to Bob Douglas, because it lies uphill from the landfill.

Before the Andover Youth Foundation proceeds with building the youth center, Larry Larson, president of AYF, said he wants assurance that the area is safe.

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